

## MARCH 1762

Monday the First, I walked into the Markett, and after dinner sat two hours at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith Rudd, Beckwith &<sup>c</sup> the Snow that fell Sunday gone asen'night continues, hard frost, wind North.

Tuesday the Second, Thomas Preswick and self rode to Tho<sup>s</sup> Adamson's at Hemlington where we dined, I went to let my Farm in that Township to him but we did not thoroughly, till next Saturday or Monday, we return'd in the even<sup>g</sup>. much Snow

Wednesday the Third, the Snow that fell yesterday is not much seen to-day the Air being very soft last night, - I took Jack with me to Boulby we called at Brotton and met M<sup>r</sup> Smith of Marsk by appointment, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell met us upon Roecliff & having our Greyhounds killed a Hare there, I sold my Mother's Stack of Hay now at Grainge for M<sup>r</sup> Wardell for 35 Pounds, grown in 1759 – containing 37 Acres of Hay we dined and return'd in the evening, found my, Mo & Cous<sup>n</sup> Dolly Reed well

Thursday the Fourth, - I spent most of the day in my Closet, and the evening till Eleven at John Robson's, sign of the Cock, w<sup>th</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne, Capt<sup>n</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Boulby, Jn<sup>o</sup> Ward & M<sup>r</sup> Beckwith

Friday the Fifth, before seven Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby and I set out for Normanby we called at John Nesham's one of the Tenants of the Estate I lately bought there, who came yesterday to inform me that Jn<sup>o</sup> Appleton a Cartwright of Eston had yesterday cut down some Trees, which we found to the Number of 13, viz: 6 Oak & 7 Ash Trees, w<sup>ch</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Natby valued to £3.5s.0d, but upon speaking to Mr Matt. Consett & Jn<sup>o</sup>. Appleton I find the former got only £1.7s.6d, this was some Months ago, and was in full for the said Trees, however I discharged them from taking any of the Trees from off the Estate and on, Mr Jn<sup>o</sup>.

Harrison sat the evening with me)

Saturday the Sixth I went w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick to Stokesley and wrote to Mr Ra: Bell Junior on the subject of yesterday, dined with M<sup>r</sup> Preston & return'd, M<sup>rs</sup> & Miss Chaloner came down in the Coatch this evening for half an hour & bad my Mother farewell intending to leave Gisbro' in the morning for a London Journey see last Sunday tho' much Snow has fallen this evening, but the air being soft it disolved as soon as fallen, - wind North,

Sunday the Seventh, having a great cold attended with roop or rufness in my Throat I did not go to Church, M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloner, her 3 Daughters, Mary, Eliz.<sup>a</sup> & Jane, w<sup>th</sup> her Servants

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set out for London this morning, she rode in her Coatch & Six Horses, Miss Pully Rode upon my Mother's Brown Mair, (w<sup>ch</sup> she lent) behind Jack Robson, there's much Snow in Drifts upon the rode to Northallerton but they were cut through, the day was fine. M<sup>rs</sup> Cornforth drank Tea with my Mother.

Monday the Eighth, M<sup>rs</sup> Kirby came from Mr Wilson's of Ayton to see my Mo. & dined. I agreed this day with Tho<sup>s</sup>. Adamson for my Farm at Hemlington see Rentals, sat an hour with M<sup>r</sup> Hide in the evening

Tuesday the Ninth, my cold is stronger to day, wind N:W: as stormey a day as Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. with much, I sat in my Closet most of the day,

Wednesday the Tenth, Alex<sup>r</sup> Pulman is so ill of a Rheumatic Fever, that thinking he was dead last night about Ten his Bro. Ra: came to tell us, but this morning is some what relieved, I walked down to see him but did not, he is so weak; I spent the afternoon at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's looking over and regulating her Accounts, till Nine in the evening

Thursday the Eleventh, I spent all day & till Nine in the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's as yesterday, much Snow lays upon the Ground, the Air today is agreeable tho' not frosty.

Friday the Twelfth, being Proclaimed a General Fast; for imploring Almighty Gods assistance in our warfare with France & Spain, or rather the Family of the House of Bourbon, Compact, I went to Church twice, wind S:W: thaughts much but no Rain

Saturday ye Thirteenth, a very fine day the Snow mostly disappear'd, I spent most of the day at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincolns see Monday & Thursday last.

Sunday the Fourteenth, was silent or Month Sunday, after dinner M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, & their Mother M<sup>rs</sup> Beckwith visited my Mother in the afternoon, a fine day, wind West & N:W.

Monday the fifteenth, I walked up street. I sat two hours at the Cock with Mes<sup>rs</sup> Lawson, Harrison &<sup>c</sup>

Tuesday the Sixteenth, I spent the day in my Closet, and wrote many Letters to Relations.

Wednesday the Seventeenth, Ol<sup>f</sup> Prestwick called upon me at Seven, we breakfasted & rode to Stockton, I took Jack with me & 650£ but Bills were so scarce that I cou'd only get 280£'s worth which was of Mr W<sup>m</sup> Webster, so I brought the rest home, Ol<sup>f</sup> & I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Sutton's.

Thursday the Eighteenth I rode to Boulby dined with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell & return'd in the evening.

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Friday the Nin'teenth, I breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup> Proddy. We then rode down to Marsk, and hunted with M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles's Hounds, and we all dined with Mr Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith, viz: M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, Smith Wardell of Boulby, Parson Langstaff of Marsk, Proddy & myself, Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Corney of Coatham dined with us, we sat till past Twelve & Proddy & I came to Gisbro', 'twas most remarkably dark.

Saturday the Twentieth, I spent all day in my Closet, and the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's assisting her with her Tenant Ja<sup>s</sup> Cornforth & his Accounts

Sunday the Twenty first, Cous<sup>n</sup> Dolly Reed & self went to Church twice, my Mother is very well, M<sup>rs</sup> Hide paid my Mother a visit this afternoon,

Monday the Twenty Second, I walked upstreet Mess<sup>rs</sup> Langstaff & Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith dined with us, & M<sup>r</sup> Augustine Skottow sat with me some hours after dinner I sat an hour with Jo: Danby (who has been ill) an hour

Tuesday the Twenty Third. I roused at Seven, breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, and hunted the Hounds upon the Rocles, Alex<sup>r</sup> Pulman Junr: rode upon my Galloway to Skelton & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dunn hunted upon it & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lascelles, Oldfield, Wardell, Smith, Scarth, Kitching, Proddy, Rich<sup>d</sup> Watson & self dined at Alex<sup>r</sup> Mitchel's the sign of the Plough at Skelton, & I got home between Nine & Ten

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth, I spent the day at home, my Mo & Cousin Do: Reed are well.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth, calling at Grainge this morning, I dined at Boulby, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Monkman, (Surveyor), Robinson, (Comptroller) Douglass, Clerk to Mr Burgh, (Collector), Macdonnel & Gill (officers of Whitby Cust<sup>o</sup> House, who measur'd our Coalbags at Boulby. I return'd in the evening (very stormy)

Friday the Twenty Sixth, I spent the day in my Closet & walking in the Ground; wrote several Letters.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh, I spent in my Closet drawing out my Accounts w<sup>th</sup> my Bro. Geo. Jackson, intending shortly to go to London.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth. I went to Church w<sup>th</sup> Cous. Dolly Reed in the forenoon, & sat an hour in the evening with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick (who is not very well), & I also sat at M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's till past Ten last Post brought us an Acco of the Conquest of greatest part of the Island of Martinico from the French, by Admir<sup>l</sup> Rodney and General Monkton about the 27<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>a</sup> last, fort S<sup>t</sup> Pierre's & the adjoining Territorys still hold out, but is not expected to do so long.

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Monday the Twenty Ninth, a most stormey day, wind about South, & much Snow, M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> dined with us & took home with him the Title Deeds of the Estate I lately bought of Matt. Consett to prepare new Conveyances from

Tuesday the Thirtieth, I walked upstreet to M<sup>r</sup> Etherington's &<sup>c</sup> and in the evening, met Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Proddy, Jackson Senr, Longbottham, Thoms & Oliv<sup>r</sup> Preswick, Harrison, Jn<sup>o</sup> Hammond of Skelton, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Audas of Ayton, we supt at Jn<sup>o</sup> Robson's and I did not get home till four in the morning.

Wednesday the Thirty first & last Day - I spent the day in my Closet - preparing for

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Thursday, April, the First, I took Jack with me to Yarm Fair & rec.<sup>d</sup> my Mother's & my Rents and return'd in the evening, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird went with us in the morning to Marton lane end & then turn'd down to Stockton.

Friday the Second, I spent in my Closet till Seven in the evening then went to M<sup>r</sup> Hide's where was Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lascelles, Fenwick (his Bro.) & Jackson Junr we sat till past one.

Saturday the Third I walked upstreet, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea with my Mother

Sunday the Fourth, I walked with Sam<sup>l</sup> Corner to the Barn he has taken of me at the west Freeledg – Cous<sup>n</sup> Patty Reed came expecting my Mother wou'd have gone to London with me. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wilson of Ayton, Hide, & Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup> dined with me. I went to Church in the forenoon, and w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick sat an hour at Ol<sup>r</sup> Preswick's in the evening

Monday the Fifth. about Eleven the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Rob<sup>l</sup> Lascelles & I set out for London, (I had Jack with me to bring my Horse from No.Allerton) we called at M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's at Ayton & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Mauleverers at Ingleby Arncliffe, & laid at North Allerton.

Tuesday the Sixth, we left North-Allerton in a Post Chaise dined at Ferrybridge & laid at Tuxford.

Wednesday the Seventh, we dined at Stamford, & laid at the rose at Cambridge.

Thursday the Eighth, we walked into the squares of 2 or 3 of the Colleges but it being early we only view'd them externally, I left M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles to proceed on his Journey to Mr Jen: Shaftoe's at the valley near Newmarkett and I reached my Bro Geo Jackson's House in the Navy Office yard about 3, in a Post Chaise alone. I visited my Brother's Jackson, & Wilson (at Greenwich) alternally till Saturday the First day of May, when

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(after having purchased some Stock, (see my Ledger fo:36.) about Eleven o'Clock, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup> & I left London we dined at Stevenage & laid at Stilton.

Sunday the Second we dined at Doncaster & laid at Borrowbridge, we intended for North Allerton but so much Rain had fallen that the Post Boys durst not venture in the Swale at Topcliff

Monday the Third, we breakfasted at N<sup>o</sup>.Allerton where I found Jack with my Horses, M<sup>r</sup> Jackson hired one, & we reached Gisbro' about 3, rained all the way the water was so much swelled at Swainby that we came as advised by Hutton Rudby turning to the North at Bessy Bells. I was ill of the Epidemic disorder called by the Physicians the Influenza, when I left London, but the Journey encreased it so much that I was confined to the House, at Gisbro' above a week, never was there a more general disorder it went through the whole Island among All ranks, effecting chiefly the Lungs, the King (Geo: the 3<sup>rd</sup>) was severely handled by it, but few people died of it.

Saturday the Fifteenth, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Proddy, Jackson Senr & Longbotthom & I dined w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner at Kirkleatham.

Friday the Twenty first, at five I took Rich Pulman with me, breakfasted at Stokesley, & young M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Preston went with us to Thirsk. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ra: Bell Sen<sup>r</sup> Ra: Bell Jun<sup>r</sup>. Peter Bell & M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Livesey executed the Conveyances of Matt: Consett's Estate to me. I paid M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Bell Jun<sup>r</sup>. £841. 11s. 91/2d but M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Bell Sen<sup>r</sup>. acknowledged the receipt of that Sum, and I gave my Bond to my Mo<sup>r</sup> for £3,558 8s. 21/2d (see her Acco<sup>t</sup> in the Ledger fo: 11) which makes 4,400£. the Purchase money for that Estate, but my Mother makes me a present of 50 Guineas according to her promise when I first made the Purchase in consideration of the speedy end that by my Purchase is made of her troublesome Affair w<sup>th</sup> Matt Consett.

Saturday the Twenty Second, we return'd home

Monday the Twenty Fourth, M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> met me at Matt. Consett's at Normanby who signed the Conveyances, as Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bell's &<sup>c</sup> did on Friday.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth, I went to Whitby, I called at my Farm at Oakbridgholm my Tenant Tho<sup>s</sup> Wharton paid me his Mayday Rent.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh I returned to Gisbro' and dined at Boulby on my return  
June, Tuesday the First, I rode to W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirks to get him to go with me to Hemlington in the morning & on Wednesday the Second, we went & told over in White-row the

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Bricks that Duke Johnson has made for me & found the Number to be 60,137 w<sup>ch</sup> I am to pay him 8<sup>d</sup> a thousand for he finding every material, & labour.

Thursday the Third I went to Lofthouse M<sup>r</sup> Oldfield went with me to Grainge, & then I dined with him & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Langstaff & M. Donald at Saltburn & return'd to Gisbro'.

Sunday the Sixth, I rode with M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson to his House at Hunley near Brotton, we called and sat the evening with Mr Lascelles at Skelton Castle

Tuesday the Eighth, I dined at the Cock at a Club this is the first meeting since it's establishment but we had little company, we meet this day fortnight again

Wednesday the Ninth I spent the evening with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Geo: & Jn<sup>o</sup> Sutton at the Cock, after taking a ride wth Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & Rich Clark to my Farm at Hemlington

Thursday the Tenth, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Close of Richmond & her Sis.<sup>r</sup> Wilson of Stockton came this evening, to stay a few days.

Friday the Eleventh, my Mother, Cous<sup>n</sup> Do: Reed (who has been with my Mother since before I went to London the 5<sup>th</sup> Apr.) & Miss Wilson rode in my Mothers Chariot, & M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Close & I upon horse back to Coatham & home by Redcar after seeing W. Turners House, & the Hospitals &<sup>c</sup> at Kirkleatham.

Saturday the Twelfth, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Close & I rode upon Burley Moor, & after dinner we all went to M<sup>r</sup> Chaloner's Park House.

Sunday the Thirteenth, we all went to Church in the forenoon tho' second Sunday in the Month w<sup>ch</sup> is called

Silent Sunday, but M<sup>r</sup> Husband at my Mother's instance gave us a Sermon, in the evening & M<sup>r</sup> Close's Serv. carried Miss Wilson to Stockton her Father being dangerously ill, M<sup>r</sup> Close & I walked up Bellmangate Bank & upon the Hills

Monday the Fourteenth, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Close left us & went to Stockton in the Stockton Post Chaise

Wednesday the Sixteenth I went to Boulby & return'd

Friday the Eighteenth, I went to Boulby Lay took Jack with me, dined & return'd.

Saturday the Nineteenth, I attended the setting some Tubs in the Town to collect Urine in for Boulby Allum works this morning my Mother took Mally Hutchinson with her on a visit to Thirsk & Rippon for a few days

Sunday the Twentyeth, I went with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson & Jn<sup>o</sup> Saunders (Bookkeeper to my Bristowe of Lond<sup>o</sup>) to the former's house at Hunley & return'd by Saltburn

Monday the Twenty first, several Neighbours spent the evening at the Cock.

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Tuesday the Twenty Second, I dined with the Club at the Cock, we had not much company

Friday the Twenty fifth, I took Jack with me to West Auckland and on

Monday the Twenty Eight return'd to Gisbro'.

Wednesday the Thirtieth I dined with the Justices at the Cock, met on the business of the highways

### **JULY 1762**

Thursday the First of July, I went to Grainge &<sup>c</sup> so did Jack with a Cart load of wines, & some Boxes &<sup>c</sup> for my Room there

Friday the Second, Cous<sup>n</sup> 'Bell' Pease came here on her road from Darlington to Whitby, & on

Saturday the Third, I set her to Scaling & drank Tea with her there about 4 o'Clock

Sunday the Fourth, Mistress Bateman dined on her rode to Darlington, after dinner I took my Mother's Serv. Rich Mackley (her Coatchman) (late M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloner's) & rode to North-Allerton, he led my Horse to Thirsk & I took Rob<sup>r</sup> Richardson's Post Chaise.

Monday the Fifth, late last night my Sis<sup>rs</sup> Wilson & Dolly, with M<sup>rs</sup> Pybuss & her son got to M<sup>rs</sup> Pybusses, & this afternoon the two former in a Post Chaise & 4 Horses, myself on horseback reach'd Gisbro'. Rich my Mo.<sup>s</sup> serv. ret<sup>d</sup> ill.

Thursday the Eighth, I met the Club at Coatham we had a good company.

Monday the Twelfth, I walked w<sup>th</sup> Mr Proddy & Jac Longbothom upon our highways, & sat with them at the Cock till after Ten

Tuesday the Thirteenth, is our Quarter Sessions I dined with the Justices & was with them in Court, the new Commission of the Peace for the North Riding of the County of York was opened today, but I am not named in it as was expected

Wednesday the Fourteenth, I took little Alex<sup>r</sup>. Pulman with me laid at M<sup>rs</sup> Peases at Darlington & on Thursday the Fifteenth, he went with me to West Auckland, (it was very Rainy) the Comissioners (Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jepson, Richardson, Boag, & W<sup>m</sup> Dixon) for dividing Railey Fell or Etherley Common, took in Claims M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> James, swore to receiving 23£ p. ann. of Miss Dun & Dav<sup>d</sup> Jackson to his paying 20£ p. ann.<sup>o</sup> beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May 1759, M<sup>r</sup> James took a fit in his own Parlour

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Sunday the Eighteenth, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> James & their Daughter Sally rode with me to Cousn: Bell' Stephenson's at Darlington, M<sup>rs</sup> James & Sally had her Post Chaise from thence, we dined at Yarm & Cous<sup>n</sup> Patty Reed came with them to Gisbro' – where we found Cous Bell Pease

Wednesday the Twenty First, I set M<sup>r</sup> James see Friday as far as Hemlington we called at my Farm there [*this entry crossed out*]

Thursday the Twenty Second, I met with the Club, at the Cock we had a pretty good Company

Friday the Twenty Third, this day I did what is set down for Wednesday M<sup>r</sup> James not going away till to day

Saturday the Twenty fourth, I dined at Boulby and returned

Sunday the Twenty fifth my Mother, Sisters Wilson, & Dolly, Cousins James, & Sally, Dolly, & Patty Reed, & Bell' Pease with myself went to Church I dined with Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo: Hall at Skelton Castle

Monday the Twenty Sixth, we walked in Mrs Chaloner's Gardens in the evening. Cous Bell Pease went away this morn<sup>g</sup> w<sup>th</sup> her Bro Brist<sup>o</sup>.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh, my Sis<sup>er</sup> Dolly went with my Cous<sup>n</sup> James & her Daugh<sup>r</sup> Sally to Darlington in my Mo.<sup>rs</sup> Chariot they laid at Cous. Stephenson's

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth I dined with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell at Boulby & return'd

Thursday the Twenty Ninth, I went to M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Closes at Richmond & met Sis<sup>er</sup> Dolly there who laid at West Auckland last night

Friday the Thirtieth we spent at Richmond

Saturday the Thirty first & last Day, - my Sist<sup>r</sup> Dolly & I left Richmond in my Mo<sup>s</sup> Chariot, Jack led my Horse to Yarm where we dined, Jenny Culley came with my Sist<sup>r</sup> Dolly to Gisbro', where we found my Bro Wilson, Mrs Ann Pybuss & her Neice who came on Friday

## AUGUST 1762

August, Sunday the First I went to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's at Ayton & fixed for my Mother to give him 4,200£. for his House & Ground (about 78 Acres Gardens &<sup>c</sup> included) M<sup>r</sup> Hide dined with us & the two M<sup>rs</sup> Pybusse's return'd to Thirsk



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Monday the Second, Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Wilson (see yesterday dined with us & enter'd into Articles with my Mother to pay & enter at Martinmas next.

Capt<sup>n</sup> Wilson & I rode to my Farm at Hemlington to meet my Workmen there, as I appointed meaning when I did so to set out my House on my rode to Yarm Fair this day, but Capt<sup>n</sup> being here I did not go there, they were returned home

Tuesday the Third, my Mother, Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson dined at the Rev<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's at Ayton & then proceeded to Thirsk

Wednesday the Fourth, at five my Bro & Sis<sup>er</sup> Wilson left Thirsk in Post Chaises for London, & my Mo & I return'd in her Chariot home, Jack led my Horse, we dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson's, with Coll<sup>o</sup>. Carey's Lady & her two Daughters

Thursday the Fifth, I went to Yarm ( Miss Culley behind Jack with me) according to appointments w<sup>th</sup> my Mo & my Tenants & rece'd their Mayday Rents which ought to have been rece'd on Monday but were not for reasons given that day, I dined at Cous<sup>n</sup> Forsters & return'd

Friday the Sixth, more Rain has fallen this day than since May 3. having had almost a continued drought since then, I wrote several Letters and in this Book. From Monday Apr 5<sup>th</sup> fo: 11. which I had neglected & business prevented ever since, which causes an irregularity

Saturday the Seventh I rode to Boulby dined & return'd by Grainge & Loftho.

Sunday the Eighth – silent or Month Sunday my Sis<sup>er</sup> Dolly was to have left us today, but M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner, & M<sup>r</sup> Chas Turner, his Lady, & one M<sup>rs</sup> Lee dined with us drank Tea & staid till about seven o'Clock

Monday the Ninth – Sist<sup>er</sup> Dolly left Gisbro' this morning for London, she went in my Mo<sup>'s</sup> Chariot to Thirsk (Cous. Patty Reed sets her so far & returns) she & Sis<sup>er</sup> Wilson came Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July Bro Wilson came on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> (see the day following), he & his Wife went away Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., I sat two hours with Capt<sup>n</sup> Marshall Robinson & M<sup>r</sup> Appleton at the Cock, M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson of Ayton & her Companion Miss Haddock drunk Tea w<sup>th</sup> my Mother

Tuesday the Tenth – Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Jackson Sen., Proddy & Michl Smith & myself dined at Skelton Castle w<sup>th</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hall Stephenson, his Bro Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo: Hall, & Parson (commonly called Panty) Lascelles.

Wednesday the Eleventh. after dinner my Mo & Cous<sup>n</sup>: Dolly Reed in the Chariot, & Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick & self upon horseback went to Ayton, drank Tea, my Mo gave M<sup>rs</sup>

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Wilson one of late Un: Jos.<sup>a's</sup> drops, her husband not at home, we look'd over the Ground &<sup>c</sup> & return'd

Thursday the Twelfth, I walked down to the Mowers, we have now 8 Acres of Meadow standing in hopes that it would have grown more, but the Season has been so very dry that I am disappointed, it was better the latter end of June when the rest (12 Acr<sup>s</sup>) were mown, 'tis expected that hay will be sold this Winter for 10 a Stone, standing oats are sold for 5£ an Acre, so great a likelihood is there of a scarcity of Fodder, never was a droughtier Sumer remembred; in the evening M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease Jun<sup>r</sup> & their Son John came here on their road from Whitby to Darlington in a post Chaise

Friday the Thirteenth, they proceeded on their Journey in the morning, & in the evening came Mr Ra: Reed of Darlington to pay my Mother &<sup>c</sup> a visit

Saturday the Fourteenth, Rained all day, M<sup>r</sup> Ra: Reed & I walked into the Ground in the evening W<sup>m</sup> Reed sat with us last night & this, - M<sup>r</sup> James's Serv Thoms Moss, brought me a Greyhound call Beau, from his Master, he is about 2 years old & was bred near Hartlepool

Sunday the Fifteenth, Cous<sup>n</sup> Ra: Reed returnd to Darlington, Cous Patty Reed & self went to Church twice, my Mo<sup>r</sup> & Cous: Dolly Reed are not very well. this Post brings us a Gazette Extraordinary, with the News of the Queen (Charlotte's) delivery of her firstborn, a Prince, born at half past seven last Thursday (the 12<sup>th</sup> inst) morning, it's remarkable that the Present King George's (the 3<sup>rd</sup>) Great Grand Father (George the 1<sup>st</sup>) who was the first of the present Royal Family's sitting upon this Throne, acceded to it the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> 1714 (old stile) the 12<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>st</sup> (new stile) w<sup>ch</sup> is to a day 48 Years from the Birth of this young Prince

Monday the Sixteenth. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Spark of Yarm, Matthews of Stokesley (Attorneys at Law) Tho<sup>s</sup> Lakin, Jn<sup>o</sup> Cust, & Tho<sup>s</sup> dined with us, the 2 latter advanced 1,200£ & Sam<sup>l</sup> Howlett (M<sup>r</sup> Matthew's Partner) 200 to M<sup>r</sup> Lakin to discharge my Mo<sup>s</sup> Mortg<sup>e</sup> of his Estate. I sat an hour w<sup>th</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Spark & Lawson &<sup>c</sup> at the Cock, M<sup>r</sup> Geo Baker of Elemore came & laid at our house tonight

Tuesday the Seventeenth, I rode beyond Skelton w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Baker on his road to Boulby, Richard Pulman carried Cous Dolly Reed to Yarm she has been with my Mother all last Winter & till now, my Mo & Cous Patty Reed dined at Ayton w<sup>th</sup> Mrs Wilson, I din'd w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & sat two hours w<sup>th</sup> him at his Bro Oliver's

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Wednesday the Eighteenth, I took Jack with me to Boulby & return'd in the evening, Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Oldfield dining with us we did not do much business, save that M<sup>r</sup> Baker executed a Bond to me for 1,400£ (& Int. at 4 & ½ p Cent) in lieu of that mentioned in my Uncle Ra: Ward's Will, this bond is dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 1762. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell only witnessed M<sup>r</sup> Baker's executing to day, (but see tomorrow) Mess<sup>rs</sup> Baker, Wardell, and Oldfield came on with me to Grainge, we drank two Bottles of Port Wine, & I (w<sup>th</sup> Jack) return'd home

Thursday the Nineteenth, I mounted my horse, (Soldier) before five & breakfasted at Boulby Allom-works. M<sup>r</sup> Baker (who was not up when I got there) acknowledged his Name to the Bond (see yesterday) sealed and deliver'd it again in the presence of M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wardell & Rob<sup>t</sup> Broom (the House Clerk) who signed as Witness under M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's name, he (Wardell) acknowledging too that he saw M<sup>r</sup> Baker execute that Bond the day before (or yesterday), M<sup>r</sup> Baker was not pleased that I should desire any other witness than M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wardell, but upon my telling him I cou'd not help being a little uneasy, never having seen a Bond before with but one Witness, he complied, - we then proceeded in our examination of M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's Accounts, corrected some errors, and M<sup>r</sup> Baker & I signed, after these words wrote by M<sup>r</sup> Baker, "seen and allowed Errors Ecepted" (sine date) the year's Account from 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1761 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 1762, exclu: but not any preceeding Acco<sup>s</sup>. we, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Baker, Wardell, & myself drank Tea at Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Oldfield's at Lofthouse, & I returned home. Much Rain fell about Boulby today, but very little at Gisbro' I found, wind N:W:

Friday the Twentyeth, I spent mostly in my Closet we got all out hay (abt 20 Acr<sup>s</sup>) together today in good order

Saturday the Twenty first, I wrote in my Closet till towards 12, then took Rich with me to M<sup>r</sup> Turners where I dined w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Baker from Boulby, & he proceeded to Stockton tonight on his road home (to Elemore Hall) M<sup>rs</sup> Chas Turner, M<sup>rs</sup> Richardson & Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nelson dined with us

Sunday the Twenth Second, I went to Church twice, & was at M<sup>r</sup> Longbotthoms & at M<sup>rs</sup> Cornforth's in the afternoon

Monday the Twenty third, - I took Jn<sup>o</sup> Price Sen<sup>r</sup> with me about 6, to my Hemlington Farm, and mark'd out the Ground for a House, Cow-house &<sup>c</sup>. Jack was there with 50 Deals, I return'd to dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> dined with us, I sat above an hour with, Doct<sup>er</sup> Proddy & Rob<sup>r</sup> Corner (of Coatham) at the Cock

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Tuesday the Twenty Fourth, at Six I mounted, rode to Boulby & got M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's draught on Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> R Core for 200£ pay<sup>a</sup> to myself (see Bill Book &<sup>c</sup>) I return'd to dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Henry Askew (of Newcastle) dined with us on his rode to fetch his wife from Whitby, who is with her Fath<sup>er</sup> there. Rev<sup>nd's</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide & Kitching, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup> & Proddy, supt & spent the evening with me.

Wednesday the Twenty Fifth – I spent half an hour, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wm Turner, Tho<sup>s</sup> Mauleverer, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Skottowe, at the Cock, they were upon the business of the Militia; I dined at home & with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick rode down to my Estate at Normanby, we returned about Six

Thursday the Twenty Sixth, I spent in my Closet till six in the evening, then, took Jack & the Greyhounds with me upon the top of highcliff, walk'd Eastward along the Moor & came home by the Rubbish. Hills, the Dogs started one Hare but did not kill.

Friday the Twenty Seventh, - is a Fair day at Gisbro' (commonly called first Ladyfair) a very poor one. I walk'd upstreet 2 or 3 times, Tho<sup>s</sup> Wharton, Brist<sup>o</sup> Pease & Tom' Dun dined, by this Post I sent Bro. Wilson Bills to the amo of £356. 12s (see Ledger fo: 38) to buy such Stock for me as he & M<sup>r</sup> Miles Smith shall choose for me

Saturday the Twenty Eighth – after dinner M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I (took Jack with us) went to Stanghow. we saw two Hares, but only killed one, we drank Tea and a Bottle of wine with M<sup>r</sup> Isa: Scarth, and return'd much Rain fell when we were at Stanghow

Sunday the Twenty Ninth. Cous Patty Reed & self went twice to Church, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison & myself drank Tea with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kay Maur at M<sup>r</sup> Hides, my Mother is not very well today, 'tis very disagreeable weather – commonly called a Northerly Haze, M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea with my Mother

Monday the Thirtieth, at five I took Jack with me and went to Hemlington, where, with Jn<sup>o</sup> Price Sen<sup>r</sup> & Journeyman, (my Joiners), Tho<sup>s</sup> & Jn<sup>o</sup> Readman & their 2 Servants (my Bricklayers) Rob<sup>f</sup> Coatham & Rich Bell – Jn<sup>o</sup> Price's Son in Law (my Labourers) I marked out the Ground for a dwelling House, Cowhouse & Cart Houses &<sup>c</sup> they laid the foundation of the former while I staid (w<sup>ch</sup> was till near 12, dined at home), John Price & his Journeyman work by day, but I bargained with the Bricklayer to build me the wall a Brick in length wide for 1s. 8<sup>e</sup> per Rood, the forehouse Chimney 10<sup>s</sup>, Chamber D<sup>o</sup> over it 5<sup>s</sup>. & little Kitching Chimey 5<sup>s</sup>. in all 3, twenty Shillings, 2<sup>e</sup> p square yard for a good single course of Plastering & whitening it immediately, & 12<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>e</sup> p Thousand for

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Lathing, laying on, & pointing the Tyles, - I drank Tea at Capt Longbotham's with M<sup>r</sup> Hide.

Tuesday the Thirty first, & last day of August 1762. we dined early, & my Mo. & Cous. Patty Reed in the Chariot & I upon horseback, went to M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's at Ayton where we drank Tea, & return'd.

## SEPTEMBER 1762

September, Wednesday the First. about Six I mounted, rode to Boulby, but M<sup>r</sup> Wardell not being at home I returned to Lofthouse, & dined & drank Tea with him there at M<sup>r</sup> Oldfields, I got home about Seven, much Rain has fall'n abt this Town & Skelton, but at Six miles distance either West or East none at all, wind at N: M<sup>r</sup> Henry Askew and his Lady dined with my Mother today on their rode from Whitby to Newcastle.

Thursday the Second, I mounted early, spent an hour with my workmen at Hemlington, and breakfasted with Capt Strickland Hill at Stainton Grainge, who, Tho<sup>s</sup> Lincoln chose, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln chose me to Arbitrate their differences (the former having Filed a Bill in Chancery against her,) & we were to pitch upon another as an Umpire, he (Capt<sup>n</sup> Hill) named Major Mauleverer, but M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's Cousell (Lawyer Bradley) advising that nobody of the Law shou'd be concern'd I cou'd not agree, so we parted, he having declared that unless the Law was concern'd he wou'd not do anything. I left Tho<sup>s</sup> Lincoln with him, - I dined at Gisbro' with the Club viz: Mess<sup>rs</sup> Proddy (President) Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo: Hall, Hide, Harrison, Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup>., Longbothom, & Nelson, wth myself, composed it today.

Friday the Third - I spent about home, was an hour with Mr Rich Forster at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's which is the first time I have been with him since the Christ'ning of Mr Jo: Danby's Daught<sup>r</sup> which was soon after the Proclamation (at Gisbro') of his present Maj<sup>y</sup> Kg Geo: III, in or ab<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>er</sup> 1760 when he us'd M<sup>r</sup> James & I very ill, & me in particular at the above Christ'ning. Cous Dolly Reed came here from Yarm.

Saturday the Fourth I spent in my Closet till the evening, & then sat about 2 hours at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's, much Rain fell this forenoon, wind S & S.W.

Sunday the Fifth – Cousins Dolly & Patty Reed & myself went twice to Church, my Mo. went in the afternoon, & we all drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's, M<sup>rs</sup> Cornforth & her youngest Daught<sup>r</sup> was there; (a loud wind & some Rain)

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Monday the Sixth – I walked upstreet. M<sup>r</sup> Preston Sen<sup>r</sup> dined with us, my Mother let him have 1,000£ on his Promissory Note payable the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> next at 4 & ½ p Cent which money he pays to Sir Jn<sup>o</sup> Ingleby Bar<sup>t</sup> of Ripley in part of 2,000£ which my Mother has engaged to advance to him (Sir John) on Mortgage of his Estate called Haverrah Park, (surrounded by Knaresbrough Forrest) at £4. 10s. p Cent p ann which he engages to pay her, for five year's certain, but she or her Executors may call it in sooner if she or they please. I also gave him home with him, four Leases for a year of the following Estate, viz: Okebridgeholm, in the Lordship of Egton & in the Parish of Lythe; the Factory House yard, & high Freeledge; Jones's, alias, low Freeledge; and Postgate's or West Freeledge; the three last in the Town &<sup>c</sup> &<sup>c</sup> of Guisbrough, that he may prepare for my passing a Fine of them along with my Estate at Normanby the next Seal day, I walked out with Jack & the Greyhounds towards Geo: Lee's, we saw two Hares but only killed one of them, 'twas a very fine evening.

Tuesday the Seventh; at Six Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & I mounted, we spent two hours w<sup>th</sup> my workmen at Hemlington, we return'd to dinner, this Post brought a Letter from (Capt<sup>n</sup>) my Bro Wilson to my Mother telling her that he willingly embraces her offer of being made Purchaser of the Mansion House & Ground at Ayton, see Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> and will come down very soon.

Wednesday the Eighth. Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner, Tho<sup>s</sup> Skottowe, & Roger Beckwith Justices of the Peace, and Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith Commiss<sup>er</sup> of the Land Tax, met at the Cock to Grant Licences to Alehouses &<sup>c</sup> and hear the Appeals on Account of the Window Tax, my Tenants W<sup>m</sup> White, W<sup>m</sup> Taylor, Chr: Dale, Jn<sup>o</sup> Mason & Rob<sup>e</sup> Corner, of Grainge & Upton, appealed, the former on having his Bakehouse Window charged, his appeal was not heard, nor was Taylor's, Dale's, or Mason's, their appeal was on Account of being poor Cottagers w<sup>ch</sup> was Corner's appeal also, but it appearing that (tho' Taylor, Dale, & Mason paid only 15<sup>s</sup> p Ann<sup>o</sup> each for their House, yet as they each had a Cow they could not properly be called Paupers, & that I let them as much Ground as grew Hay (only) for that Cow they were also dismissed, but Corner only paying 15<sup>s</sup> p. Ann for a House, had not a Cow, nor any Ground, his appeal was admitted, note, neither W<sup>m</sup> Taylor, Chr: Dale, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Mason, nor Rob<sup>r</sup> Corner, as Tenants, nor myself as Landlord, are assessed in the Church or Poor Books, Frans. Shephard near Thursk, is the Surveyor, I dined with the Gentlemen

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Thursday the Ninth, at? I mounted and rode to my workmen at Hemlington, return'd at one. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson of Ayton, & their visitors, Miss Haddock, Masters Dan<sup>l</sup> & W<sup>m</sup> Wilson Sons of Wilson Esqr of Dalamtour in Westmorland, & Master Jn<sup>o</sup> Parker dined with us today.

Friday the Tenth - M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I took a walk to my Freehold fields, and in the afternoon I wrote several Letters by the Post

Saturday the Eleventh – Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, T. Preswick & myself dined upon Cold Beef, and rode to my Farm at Hemlington, we measured a Wheat Stubble which Tho<sup>s</sup> Adamson my Tenant took the Corn off, it was sown by Geo: Carter (see Rental) at 2£ p Acre, we found 3 Acres 2 R<sup>ds</sup> 12 P., w<sup>ch</sup> comes to £7 3s 0d, we return'd by Ayton.

Sunday the Twelfth, after Breakfast I took Jack with me, we dined at Yarm, called for an hour at Darlington, & laid at W. Auckland.

Monday the Thirteenth, I set Mr James to Bishp Auckland, on his road to Durham to attend Lawyers Rudd, Gill & Fawcett the Arbitrators appointed by Act of Parliament for the division of Railey or Etherley Fell. I stopt an hour at West Auckland on my return, dined at Darn'ton, (M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease myself & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Terry executed a settlement of M<sup>r</sup> Pease's Lands at Darlington in lieu & to the same uses as Norland Estate was by his Marriage Settlement,) and reached home in about four hours, only calling on horse-back at Yarm (very fine weather wind S.W.

Tuesday the Fourteenth, I spent at home and wrote several letters, to Bro Wilson, W. Cox &<sup>c</sup>

Wednesday the Fifteenth, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I set off early, rode to Lofthouse, & with M<sup>r</sup> Oldfield to Boulby. after dining with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell we all hunted the Glebe Lands of Easington, but cou'd not find a Hare, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I return'd home about eight, by Handell Abby – Liverton & Moorsom.

Thursday the Sixteenth, I rode to my workmen at Hemlington, but Jn<sup>o</sup> Price and Jn<sup>o</sup> Readman (being ill) were not there. I return'd to dinner; & walked upstreet in the afternoon.

Friday the Seventeenth, I wrote several Letters by Post, and at three dined at the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hides with Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner, Jn<sup>o</sup> & Geo: Hall, Scroop, Jackson Senr. & myself, sat till about 7, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird smoak'd a pipe with me till 10.

Saturday the Eighteenth, before Seven Mess<sup>rs</sup> Beckwith, & Harrison, myself, & Jack mounted for Moorsom, where we mett Mess<sup>rs</sup> Oldfield & Wardell by appointment, with

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our Greyhounds, we saw 9 Hares, 6 of which we killed, we dined at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's Tenants (Tho<sup>s</sup>. Pearson) upon some hung Beef, & a Bottle of Geneva we carried, we return'd to Gisbro' about five, - a very find day wind S:W.

Sunday the Nineteenth. my Mother, Cousins Dolly & Patty Reed & myself went to Church in the forenoon, Cous. Patty, Mrs Livesey & myself in the afternoon. M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson of Ayton, & with her, M<sup>rs</sup> Livesey, her Daughter, & Miss Haddock drank Tea with us.

Monday the Twentieth, I rode to my House at Hemlington & dined at home, my Bricklayers were not at work, so I sent them word by Charles Joiner not to come till next Monday, & Jn<sup>o</sup> Price (who is not well) came to Gisbro' this evening, Tho<sup>s</sup> Terry was with a few hours this afternoon.

Tuesday the Twenty first, commonly called latter Lady fair, was a very busy one, but all sorts of Cattle sold very Cheap from the appearance of little fodder for the Winter; good Calves, 5 or 6 Month's old, sold for only from 10 s to 12 shillings apiece. M<sup>r</sup> Preston Sen<sup>r</sup> & Bristowe Pease dined with us I sat an hour at Walker Pulmans with M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Scarth, & W<sup>m</sup> Child.

Wednesday the Twenty Second Justice Beckwith, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & myself, met Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wardell Oldfield, & Scarth at Waupley, with our Grehounds, we saw five Hares, four of which we killed, we dined upon a cold leg of Mutton, drank 2 bottles of Brandy & Gin (wch we carried) made into Punch & Bumbo, and return'd to our homes ab<sup>t</sup> 7.

Thursday the Twenty third Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird, myself, & Jack walk'd with Greyhounds by Rob<sup>t</sup> Riggs, to Crowwell, & home by One, saw several Hares but only killed one, she was roasted at Jn<sup>o</sup> Robson's, (sign of the Cock) Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison, Tho<sup>s</sup> & Ol<sup>f</sup> Beswick, Danby, Colthirst, & Bird, with myself din'd & sat till ten at night, at this meeting I paid 14s intending it as a treat to W<sup>m</sup> Colthirst, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird who carry & bring several Letters &<sup>c</sup> for the family to & from Stokesley, this night much mischief has been done by the high wind at South, many Thatched houses greatly damaged, Chimneys & Hay Stacks &<sup>c</sup> &<sup>c</sup> blown down

Friday the Twenty fourth – at Eleven my Mother & I got into her Chariot, called at Bessy Bell's, (at Ingleby Arncliffe) and laid at Cous Pybusses

Saturday the Twenty Fifth, at seven I got into my Mother's Chariot, & with her Coatchman Rich & her Horses, I arrived at Ferrybridg (called at Wetherby) where I found my Sister Etty, her three Neices – Hannah Rachel & Est<sup>er</sup> Wilsons, with Mally



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Leith all well on their road from Greenwich, which place they left last Tuesday, we laid all night at M<sup>r</sup> Barbers - & on

Sunday the Twenty Sixth, we called for an hour at Wetherby, & dined at Borrowbridg, where we took Post Horses to our Chariot & arrived at Cousin Pybusses at Thirsk about Six, all well, I laid at Rachel Pybusses.

Monday the Twenty Seventh little Alex<sup>r</sup> Pulman & I came to Gisbro', (dined at Bessy Bells) where I found Cousins Dolly & Patty Reed well as we left them, my Mother, Etty &<sup>c</sup> stays till to-morrow, I spent this evening wth Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barrow & Jackson at the Cock.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth, Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird & I met M<sup>r</sup> Elsworth, M<sup>r</sup> Stout, & Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird Sen<sup>r</sup> beyond Newton with my Greyhounds, we ranged 3 hours but did not see one hare, we dined at Ja<sup>s</sup> Birds, they return'd to Stokesley, I sent Jack to meet my Mo Sist<sup>r</sup> Etty & Neices Han<sup>a</sup> Rachel & Est<sup>r</sup> Wilson at Bessy Bells, and before five they all arrived well at Gisbro'

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth, I spent at home, the Children (see yesterday) from the fatigue of their Journey are not very well especially Rac<sup>l</sup> & Etty

Thursday the Thirtieth & last day – I mounted early, called at the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's at Ayton, & spent three hours with my workmen at Hemlington, & return'd to dinner, as did my Mother & Sister Etty from Ayton, Jack went w<sup>th</sup> the Cart to Yarm & return'd with some Boxes etc that came from Lond<sup>o</sup> in Mr James's wag<sup>n</sup>

## OCTOBER 1762

October, Friday the First day, my Mother, Cous Patty Reed, (in the Chariot) & myself on horse back went to bid M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson of Ayton farewell (she goes away tomorrow) we return'd to dinner I spent the afternoon at home

Saturday the Second I walk'd upstreet, but spent the day mostly at home, a very wett day

Sunday the Third, Cous. Patty Reed & I went to Church in the forenoon, also in the afternoon & Sister Etty & Neices Han<sup>a</sup> & Rach<sup>l</sup> Wilson with us, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea with us, this Post tells us that the Havannah (the Metropolis of the Island of Cuba late belonging the K<sup>g</sup> of Spain) Surrender'd to Adm Pocock & L<sup>nt</sup> Albermarle the 12<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> last

Monday the Fourth, Ol<sup>f</sup> Prestwick set out for London to day, Geo. Mewburn dined with us, I sat an hour with him &<sup>c</sup> at Tho<sup>s</sup> Corneys.

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Tuesday the Fifth), a very stormy wet day, wind N. & N:E. Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby & W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk, began to alter my Sellar, making Binns &<sup>c</sup> in it.

Wednesday the Sixth, I spent all day at home attending the alteration of my Sellar (see yesterday) w<sup>ch</sup> was finished to-day, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Hide drank Tea with us, he supt & spent the evening, as did M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup>.

Thursday the Seventh, I rode to Grainge. M<sup>r</sup> Wardell came to me there, & I rode with him to Saltburn, where we dined at the Club held there, w<sup>ch</sup> this day consisted of the Rev<sup>m</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, Kitching Oldfield & Langstaff, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Proddy, Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup>. Corney, Fenwick, Hewitt, Atkinson (President) Macdonal, Wardell, Forster, & myself. I left at about five & return'd home

Friday the Eighth, I rode upon the Roecliffs & home by Skelton, in hopes of meeting with M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles hounds, but the morning being wett they were not out. I spent the rest of the day at home.

Saturday the Ninth. I walked upstreet twice, once sat an hour with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison just return'd from the Launch of the Royal Charlotte at Stockton belonging, to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Peacock of Lofthouse, Jn<sup>o</sup> Watson & Allison of Stockton, & [blank] of London about 550 Tuns burthen, Rainy weather wind South,

Sunday the Tenth (silent Sunday) about Eleven my Mo & Cous. Patty Reed in the Chariot, & myself on horseback went to Kirkleatham, we dined at M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner's, the company were himself, his Daughr in Law, Misses Hall, & horsefall, Mast<sup>r</sup> Wombwell, Rev<sup>ds</sup> Murgethroyd & Nelson, my Mo Cous: & myself, we drank Tea and return'd about Six; went & came through M<sup>r</sup> Turner's Park.

Monday the Eleventh, about eight my Mo & Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty in the Chariot, & myself on horseback, went to Ayton, Rob<sup>r</sup> Corner valued the Household Goods, & Mr Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith & Geo: Mewburn the Hay, 2 Cows, Cart &<sup>c</sup> which my Bro Wilson takes of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wilson we dined and return'd

Tuesday the Twelfth, at eight, I set out with (Jack &) Jn<sup>o</sup> Aysley to attend the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's Sale of the remains of his household Goods &<sup>c</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> he does not carry to Lancaster or my Bro Wilson does not take, the Goods were (canted or) sold by Auction, but being chiefly old did not raise much money, S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Foulis din'd with us at M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's, I return'd

Wednesday the Thirteenth, I took Jack wth me again to Ayton, took Account of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's Cellar, (value £21 13s 8d) and after casting up the whole of the Furniture,

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Hay, Cows & <sup>c</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> my Bro Wilson takes of him found the Amount to be £193 16s 2d w<sup>ch</sup>  
I paid him in Cash & 2 Bills amounting to £90. I eat a piece of cold Beef, & before  
twelve Mr Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith & I took leave of M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, visited my workmen at  
Hemlington, and drank Tea with my Mo at Gisbro', he stay'd about an hour, wind at E:  
cold, rainy weather

Thursday the Fourteenth, I spent the forenoon at home, & in the afternoon took Jack &  
the Greyhounds (Cato & Beau) with me towards Geo Lee's, we started 3 hare's 2 were  
well hounded, & one in particular afforded the finest diversion I ever remember to have  
seen but did not kill any of them, - uncertain weather,

Friday the Fifteenth I spent at home

Saturday the Sixteenth, about eight I mounted, & met M<sup>rs</sup> Chas Turner, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup>  
Turner, Jn<sup>o</sup> Hall Stephenson, Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo: Hall, Garland & <sup>c</sup> & <sup>c</sup> w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Turners hounds  
near hob hill (by appointment,) we hunted till One, they all dined at M<sup>r</sup> Hall's, but tho' I  
was invited, rather chose to dine wth M<sup>r</sup> Smith of Marsk, whre I staid till five & on my  
return found my Tenant, Marmad: Foggethwaite, of Brumpton come to pay me his last  
May day Rent, he stay'd all night,

Sunday the Seventeenth - my Tenant went away, none of the family at Church today.  
M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> & the 2 Miss Etheringtons drank Tea with us this afternoon

Monday the Eighteenth I walk'd upstreet in the morning & spent the rest of the day at  
home – very Rainy Whether wind S:E:

Tuesday the Nineteenth I also spent this day at home, attending Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby's hanging  
three NewGates viz: Stack Garth Gate, Lane Gate, & first Croft Gate

Wednesday the Twentieth. old Frans. Postgate an Inhabitor of Gisbro' Hospital dying  
this morning, I rode to the Lee's of Pinchinthorp (Feoffee) in whom the nomination is, &  
beg'd the vacancy might be filled up by old Robert Barry (now near 97 years old) old  
W<sup>m</sup> Unthank had been with him before me, but as he did not engage to him am in hopes  
I shall succeed for Rob<sup>r</sup> Barry tho' he did not punctually promise me

Thursday the Twenty first, very stormy last night, much Rain, wind from N:E: to South  
from whence it blew all day moderately without Rain. I took Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby & Jack with  
me to Normanby, the former went with me to Cargo Fleet & bought 10 – 3 Inch Deals  
for my Barn Floor Tenanted by Jn<sup>o</sup> Neesum. We called of Jack at Neesums on our  
return, then rangd much ground for a Hare (having the Greyhounds) but did not find

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Friday the Twenty Second, - I spent in my Closet, till the evening that I walk'd to Jo Agar's w<sup>th</sup> Jack & the Greyhounds

Saturday the Twenty Third, - before 8 M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I mounted with Jack, we had the Greyhounds, we ranged the North & South Grounds of Rob<sup>r</sup>. Harrison's (who went with us) of Felbrigs, saw thirteen Hares but did not kill one, we return'd about three

Sunday the Twenty fourth, I was at Church twice, my Mother, Sist Etty, Nieces Han<sup>a</sup> & Rac<sup>l</sup> Wilson & Cous. Patty Reed were also at Church, we drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's, I sat the evening till Eleven at the Cock, wth Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sutton Sen<sup>r</sup> of Stockton, Hide, Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup>, & Shepper deputy clerk of the Peace, the Mary Cap<sup>n</sup> Ra: Clark of Stockton arrived in the Tees to-day wth Bro Wilson's household Furniture

Monday the Twenty fifth – Mr Sutton (see yesterday) drank a dish of Coffee with us this morning, him, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Hustler, Tho<sup>s</sup> Skottowe, Roger Beckwith & David Burton took the oaths required of acting Justices of the Peace in pursuance of the late Comission, I did not dine with them but sat two hours in the evening with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith Harrison & Proddy at the Cock.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth, about seven Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & myself set out for Newport, we parted at Hambleton-end. I went the direct road to Newport but he went by Ormsby to engage Carts (see the following days in this week) & he & Geo: Mewburn came to me at Newport about twelve, I saw 6 Carts Loaden with the first of my Bro Wilson's Goods, & deliver'd safe at Ayton about five & Thos & I return'd home, the above Six Carts were, my Mother's, Jn<sup>o</sup> Cooks, Leon<sup>d</sup> Pinkney's, W<sup>m</sup> Boyes, Chr: Day's, & Mary Stubbs's, they all went from Gisbro' this morning & arrived in the evening in the midst of bad roads & a very stormey day.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh, after dinner my Sist<sup>r</sup> Etty behind Jack, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & myself rode to Ayton & distributed the several household Goods that were brought yesterday into several rooms, & return'd.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth, yesterday was a very clear day, and last night has been an extraordinary hard frost, wind at N:W: - today our Jack, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby went down to Newport, & loaded 5 Carts with my Bro Wilson's Goods (see Tuesday) viz: Geo Mewburn 2 Carts, Tho<sup>s</sup> Pearson's, Jn<sup>o</sup> Neesum's, & Jane Neesum's each one, and after diner I rode to Ayton & saw them deliver'd, my Bro Wilson's Maid Betty, arrived today from on board of the Mary, I return'd wth Jack to Gisbro' in the evening

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Friday the Twenty Ninth, Jack & I went early to Newport & saw seven Carts loaded (see yesterday) viz Tho<sup>s</sup> Weatherell 2, W<sup>m</sup> Richardson, Matt<sup>w</sup> Masterman, Ja<sup>s</sup> Audas, Rob<sup>f</sup> Iveson, & Leon<sup>d</sup> Pinkney each one, who all got well to Ayton about four, my Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty from Gisbro' met us there, and after the Carts were deliver'd we returned home.

Saturday the Thirtieth, I spent at home except about 2 hours that I sat at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's  
Sunday the Thirty first & last Day – my Mo. Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty & Cous: Patty Reed with myself were at Church & in the afternoon the Children & we drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Hide's with M<sup>rs</sup> Beckwith & M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, Ann Cornforth & her Daught<sup>r</sup> Grace (widow) supt with us, a hard frost.

### NOVEMBER 1762

November, Monday the First, I walk'd upstreet into the Markett; a very bad day.

Tuesday the Second, my Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty rode behind Richard to Ayton, and I went forward to Stokesley where I dined with M<sup>r</sup> Preston & did business with him relating a fine I am about to pass of my Estates at Normnby, Oakbridg-holm, & Gisbro'; about two my Bro & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson passed thro' Stokesley in a post Chaise & 4 horses from Thirsk so I mounted & we reached Ayton by three, where the Chaise were discharged, my sis<sup>f</sup> rode behind Jack & my Bro upon his own Greyhorse, which went to Bessy Bell's to meet them, & we reached Gisbro' about Six, all well.

Wednesday the Third, my Bro & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson, Cous<sup>n</sup> Patty Reed & myself rode to Ayton upon horseback, dined, & unpack'd several Boxes etc & ret<sup>d</sup> to Gisbro'

Thursday the Fourth, the same event to Ayton today & return'd, that were there yesterday, except my self, & I rode to Boulby, dined, called at Grainge, & at Lofthouse, and return'd home.

Friday the Fifth, my Bro Wilson, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, & myself rode to Ayton, my Bro agreed with Tho<sup>s</sup> Weatherell for Butcher meat, & 200 Galls. Of Malt liquor, (strong & malt) & bought 300 Bushs. Of Oats @ 2 [?] to be deliver'd by Christmas. We return'd to Gisbro' after unpacking some things.

Saturday the Sixth, my Bro & Sisters Wilson & Etty, Cous. P. Reed, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & myself rode to Ayton. we put up some Beds, unpacked some more Goods, dined, & return'd to Gisbro' where, we found M<sup>rs</sup> Beckwith, & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison with

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my Mother & the Children, they with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison supt and sat till Ten o'Clock, - in this a very windy Night without Rain

Sunday the Seventh – my Mother, Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty, Cous. P. Reed & myself went to Church in the forenoon, and staid at home after dinner, - much Wind at S:W:

Monday the Eighth I walked upstreet & was a Witness to Mr Chas Bissett's signing his Last Will, M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jn<sup>r</sup> dined with us & M<sup>r</sup> Harrison w<sup>th</sup> him sate an hour after. My Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & Cous. P Reed laid at Ayton tonight for the first time

Tuesday the Ninth, I rode to Boulby, dined w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, who return'd to Upton with me, we ranged a few fields in Grainge ground for a Hare, found one & kil'd her.

Wednesday the Tenth, I took Jack with me & M<sup>r</sup> Harrison to Normanby, we pitched the Botthom of my Pigeon House Posts, set out Jn<sup>o</sup> Neesum's Barn floor Tho<sup>s</sup> Natby being there to lay it, and as we came home, having the Greyhounds, we ranged some fields, found four hares three of which we killed.

Thursday the Eleventh, I rode to Ayton (carried one of the Hares killed yesterday) breakfasted & dined with my Bro Wilson & return'd; some Hail, wind at N:E:

Friday the Twelfth, Snow has fallen last night to cover the ground 3 inches deep, & this morning 'tis a hard frost. – I spent this day at home. – this Post brings me the Gazette of 9<sup>th</sup> inst the first Article in which, is that Mr Monel, the K<sup>s</sup> Messenger arrived at the E: of Egrement's (Secretary of State's) Office 8 inst, w<sup>th</sup> the Preliminary Art:<sup>s</sup> of Peace sign'd at Fontainbleau the 3 inst by the D: of Bedford (our Minister) & the Chriss & Catho: King's Ministers.

Saturday the Thirteenth, Jack rode upon the Brown Mair, & led the Galloway with me to Ayton, where I paid my Bro W<sup>m</sup> Wilson (for my Mother) the Bal<sup>a</sup> of Acco between my Mother & him being £65 12s also £10 5s on my own Acco (for a Clock £5 5s w<sup>ch</sup> I make him a present of, & £5 for a Writing Table, both charged to him by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Dan<sup>l</sup> Wilson) & also £3 13s 6d for my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty for a Mahogany Chest of Drawers also charged to him by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr D. Wilson, amounting in the whole to £79 10s 6d paid him without a Receipt, he, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson, & Cous. P. Reed return'd with me to Gisbro on horseback in the midst of a Storm of Wind at N: & Snow, which now covers the Ground 6 inches, we found my Mo. Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty, & Neices Han<sup>a</sup> Rach<sup>l</sup> & Etty Wilson all well at Gisbro.

Sunday the Fourteenth – Cous P. Reed & myself went to Church in the forenoon, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide & Proddy spent the evening with us till One.

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Monday the Fifteenth, being a hard frost & snow upon the Ground, my Bro Wilson, myself & Jack went into Spring-wood with our Guns, we saw little Game, but kill'd an Owl, a Black & a small bird, Bristowe Pease & Mr Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> dined with us, this is Gisbro' Fairday, we walked upstreet.

Tuesday the Sixteenth, before Seven I mounted upon Shyner, & Jack upon Pug, with £800 in Cash & a £200 Banknote, breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Preston's (Stokesley) the young Man joined us, we called at Mich<sup>l</sup> Weatherall's who went with us to his Landlord Doct<sup>r</sup> Wanley's Dean of Rippon, we dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Rapers at Thirsk, stay'd a quarter of an hour at Doct<sup>r</sup> Wanley's, and laid at Sir John Ingilby's (Bar't) at Ripley, 48 miles. I paid him (Sir John) the above Cash & Note, which with £1,000 paid to Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Preston Sen<sup>r</sup> (See the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> last in this Book) makes £2,000 for which he signed the Mortgage Deed (& Bond) of his Estate called Havarrah Park dated the 29<sup>th</sup> of last Sept<sup>r</sup> (Mich.<sup>as</sup> day) to my Mother at £4 10s p Cent p. Ann. for 5 years.

Wednesday the Seventeenth, M<sup>r</sup> Preston, Jack, & I, breakfasted with S<sup>r</sup> John, dined at Leeds (18 Miles) and laid at Wakefield, 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  Miles, where having Register'd the above Deeds, (Novem<sup>r</sup> 1762) we, on,

Thursday the Eighteenth (left Wakefield, rode through Leeds, and breakfasted at Harwood Town, 16  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles) dined at S<sup>r</sup> John Ingilby's (10 miles) Mr Hen<sup>y</sup> Duncombe, (a Capt in the West Riding Militia) & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lampleugh also dined with Sr Jn<sup>o</sup>. they went away about 5, we stay'd an hour longer having some business to do. I reached Doct<sup>r</sup> Wanleys before eight (7 $\frac{1}{2}$  Miles) where we laid, and on

Friday the Nineteenth, breakfasted with the Doct<sup>r</sup>, drank Tea with M<sup>rs</sup> Pybus at Thirsk (11 Miles) called 5 minutes at Stokesley, drank Tea at Bro Wilson's at Ayton, where I found my Mother, who got there to-day in her Chariot, and reach'd Gisbro' between 7 & 8 o'Clock after having rode 150 measur'd Miles in the 4 days, without much fatigue, the Snow is much disolved tho' no Rain has falled & hard frost every night. I laid in my Mother's bed tonight. Sis<sup>er</sup> Etty & the Children are well.

Saturday the Twentieth, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison myself & Jack walked with the Greyhounds to Crowwell on the North side of the Park, ran 3 hares, 2 of which the Dogs killed, on coming at home found my Bro Wilson, we all dined about 3, & my Bro went home, his little Girl Etty is not very well.

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Sunday the Twenty first, I went to Church in the forenoon, my Bro Wilson dined with us, his Child is yet not well of a cough, he return'd home – a fine day – frost – Wind N:W:

Monday the Twenty Second, (old Martinmas day) I paid Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick his half year's An'n'ty of £7 10s due this day, I walked upstreet, M<sup>f</sup> Matthews dined with Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty & the Children the rest are at Ayton, I sat an hour at the Cock with Jn<sup>o</sup> Middleton & Tho<sup>s</sup> Beswick, - a severe frost.

Tuesday the Twenty Third. I spent at home writing several Letters – a mild thaw

Wednesday the Twenty Fourth, about eight M<sup>f</sup> Harrison, myself, Rich Pulman, & Jack rode down to Felbrigs, w<sup>th</sup> the Greyhounds, we saw nine Hares, 3 of which we killed dined at Rob<sup>f</sup> Harrison's & return'd about five.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth, Jn<sup>o</sup> Hall Stevenson Esq<sup>f</sup> of Skelton, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide & Proddy dined with me, Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo Hall & [blank] Scroop Esq<sup>f</sup> visitors of M<sup>f</sup> Hall's were to have din'd w<sup>th</sup> me, but were not well this morn<sup>g</sup>

Friday the Twenty Sixth, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, & Proddy, Kitching (of Skelton) & Wardell of Boulby, dined with me at my Room at Grainge, after having seen four hares 2 of which the Greyhounds killed, we got home about seven.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & self breakfasted at Ayton, & rode to Stokesley, M<sup>f</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> returned w<sup>th</sup> me to Ayton & dined, my Mother, & my Bro & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson executed the Conveyances of Ayton House & Ground to the two latter, as Joint Tenants & not as Tenants in Common, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick called on his rode from Stokesley, & we came home together.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth, I went to Church twice. Cous<sup>n</sup> P. Reed came from Ayton this evening.

Monday the Twenty Ninth, Cous P. Reed return'd to Ayton on her rode to Yarm, after having staid here and at Ayton about 3 or 4 Months; M<sup>f</sup> Smith dined with us. I sat at the Cock, wth him, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Beckwith, Aug: Skottowe, & Proddy till about Ten.

Tuesday the Thirtieth & last Day of November. M<sup>f</sup> Proddy & self dined at W<sup>m</sup> Johnsons at Lofthouse with M<sup>f</sup> Wardell, who return'd with us, & laid all night at our house, after supping & spending the evening with me till near Eleven, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Proddy, Harrison, & Danbye.

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December, Wednesday the First, about Eight Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wardell & Harrison, with myself & Jack mounted & rode to Normanby, to view Mr Matt. Consett's House & Ground there, M<sup>r</sup> Lawson his Attorney having told me he intended to sell them, but Consett not being at home prevented our looking at the Hall, however we rode over the Ground, & viewed 5 Cottage houses, & having carried some cold Beef & some Brandy we dined at my Tenants Jn<sup>o</sup> Laverick's & return'd home by Wilton, (M<sup>r</sup> Wardell went home to Boulby) & having the Greyhounds ranged some Grounds but only saw one hare & did not kill her.

Thursday the Second, after breakfast, I rode to look after some scouring at Saloman Man's Farm at Normanby, & from thence to Ayton, where I dined, & return'd to Gisb<sup>o</sup>. I met Bro Wilson who had been at our house to see his little Girls, having miss'd him in the morning, we have had some fine open weather

Friday the Third, I spent at home, except that I walked to Mr Jo Danby's Shop & took off a course Coat at 3s 6d p yard, still fine weather Wind at S:W.

Saturday the Fourth, Jack carried Mally Hutchinson to Ayton, & took Cous P. Reed to Yarm & return'd, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & I breakfasted with my Bro Wilson, & with him walked over all the Ground he bought of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Dan<sup>l</sup> Wilson, we dined, (my Mo is pure well) & return'd home

Sunday the Fifth, I went to Church both forenoon, & in afternoon Sist<sup>r</sup> Etty & 2 eldest Niece Wilson's went with me, there was 2 Burials & 2 Christenings, M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Deighton of London came & laid all night, his Friend Mellanby of Stockton spent the evening with us till One

Monday the Sixth, I walked upstreet & after dinner went with M<sup>r</sup> Deighton to Ayton, where we lay all night, - Thick, hazy, disagreeable weather,

Tuesday the Seventh, M<sup>r</sup> Deighton left Ayton after breakfast, I staid till after dinner & then return'd to Gisbro' having walked into the Grounds with Bro Wilson.

Wednesday the Eighth, I spent in my Closet

Thursday the Ninth, I took Jack, & W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk with me to Hemlington, where Jn<sup>o</sup> & Thomas Readman met us, we measured the New House, Stack-Yard & Fold Yard walls that I have built there last Summer (see 30<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> last in this book) my Tenant Tho<sup>s</sup> Adamson paid me his Rent at Rich Drydens where I gave the Men 1s to drink, we ranged

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for a Hare having my Greyhounds, found one, & as we came home found another and killed her, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison sat the evening with us till Eleven.

Friday the Tenth, I took Jack with me to look at Soloman's Man's New Hedg at Normanby, which he is now dressing & scouring to some good purpose. I return'd to dinner.

Saturday the Eleventh, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick and I went to Ayton (he proceeded to Stokesley) and return'd in the evening, a cold day, Wind S:E.

Sunday the Twelfth, I breakfasted at Ayton & return'd to dinner, in the afternoon, ETTY, I, & our two eldest Niece Wilson's drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Etherington's

Monday the Thirteenth, I walked upstreet twice. M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> & Geo: Mewburn dined with us, (a rainy day)

Tuesday the Fourteenth, I wrote several Letters by the Post. M<sup>rs</sup> Jacksons (Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>) & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea with us, (mild, open weather wind at S:E.)

Wednesday the Fifteenth, in the morning I took Jack with me, dined at Boulby, and drank Tea at Whitby (at Cous Pease's) this forenoon Tho<sup>s</sup> Hill (Butcher) of Seaton Hall near Staiths, was killed by a Stroke of his Mair ahunting near Easington, one of the Mair's hind-feet hit his breast & the other the lower part of his Face, he rode upon the same Mair to Fra<sup>s</sup> Knags of Easington, was sensible, and died with the loss of blood in about two hours, he was about 40, has left a Wife & 8 Children.

Thursday the Sixteenth, I lived with my Cousin Pease all day at Whitby.

Friday the Seventeenth, after breakfast Cous Bell' Pease mounted behind Jack, & we left W<sup>y</sup>. I stopt an hour at Boulby receiving Rents of my Upton Tenants (being Pay day for 6 mo<sup>s</sup> for the Allom Works) & dined, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison (who I found at Boulby) came with me to Grainge, where we drank Tea with Co Pease, & return'd to Gisbro', she & I play'd at Baggammon the evening.

Saturday the Eighteenth, Jack took Co Pease behind him, & we rode to Ayton where we breakfasted I dined and return'd to Gisbro', Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird & Thomas Preswick sat with me till Ten.

Sunday the Nineteenth. I went to Church twice, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick dined with me, I drank Tea with the former in the afternoon having breakfasted at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's in the morning

Monday the Twentyeth. I walked upstreet. M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hodshon (of North-Allerton) dined with me the latter paid me, for my Mother, £614 5s 3d in

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discharge of Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & Tho<sup>s</sup> Peirse's joint Bond to my late Un: Ra: Ward, the former (W<sup>m</sup>) died some year's ago. I drank Tea with M<sup>rs</sup> Hide at Capt<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Longbotthom's.

Tuesday the Twenty first, Mr Jo Danby & I took a ride towards Tockets & Waterfall with some footmen & the Greyhounds. M<sup>r</sup> Danby left us soon, & then we went towards Margrah Park, saw several Hares but only killed one, at my instance she was dressed at Walker Pulmans. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide Proddy, Harrison, Danby, Jackson's Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>, Longbotthom, Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & myself composed the Company. I sat with them till Eleven, & then came away with some others.

Wednesday the Twenty Second I rode to Ayton, dined and return'd, fine, mild, seasonable weather, wind S:W:

Thursday the Twenty Third, I walked out with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, Jack, Walker Pulman, & Matt. Eden with the Greyhounds towards waterfall, & from thence to Tockets, Winn Hall, & Rich Pinder's &<sup>c</sup> ran two hares but did not kill either, in our absence Capt. Geo. Duck's (of Mennel-Hall) Company of Cleveland Militia came in to this Town from Bedale to be quarter'd (here) Mr Hay Jun<sup>r</sup> of Ayslaby near Pickering is Lieut & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Wilson late an attorney of [blank] is Ensign, and about 60 Men the company consists of  
Friday the Twenty Fourth, I am very lame today occasion'd by a Thorn prick I rece'd in my Ankle yesterday, but walked upstreet, being Markett day (instead of next Monday, & tomorrow Christmas day).

Saturday the Twenty Fifth, Christmas day I rode with Jack & Nanny Chapman (my Mother's Servants) to Ayton, went to that Church in the forenoon, in the afternoon there was no Service, M<sup>r</sup> Hastwell the Parson having to do Duty at Kildale, my Mo & Sisters Wilson & Etty receiv'd the Sacrament. I staid all night at Ayton, as did Nanny Chapman, Jack returnd

Sunday the Twenty Sixth, M<sup>r</sup> Hastwell doing Duty at Kildale this morning there was no service done at Ayton till the afternoon, & Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne coming to see my Bro Wilson prevented our going to Church, Miss Skottowe too drank Tea with us, she & Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne went away about six, Jack return'd to-day for Nanny Chapman & they went home to night, a hard Frost.

Monday the Twenty Seventh, I din'd at Ayton and return'd to Gisbro' in the evening.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth a very hard Frost all day Wind at S:E. very cold, I walk'd upstreet, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Beckwith & Harrison dined with, & left me about four.

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Wednesday the Twenty Ninth, I kept the House till after dinner, & then walk'd upstreet, continues a hard Frost. To-day Capt Duck's company of Militia exercized in the Markett-place, they Fir'd & perform'd very well. M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I sat with the Officers at the Cock till about Seven.

Thursday the Thirtieth, O<sup>f</sup> & Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick dined with me and sat till about Ten, I paid O<sup>f</sup> my Mother's Bill, & mine, - but he's dated the receipt on the 29<sup>th</sup> inst.

Friday the Thirty first & last day of December 1762. I rode to Ayton (took Alex<sup>r</sup> Pulman Jun<sup>r</sup> with me) & dined there the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hastwell the Curate of Ayton dined with my Bro Wilson, I return'd in the evening, & walk'd up to M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's but was sent for, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cockburn (M<sup>r</sup> Barnet's Attorney, Clark) of Leeds & his eldest Bro (bred to Physick at Edinburgh) having called, they supt & sat with me till about Ten; the weather is very boisterous to-night, wind at South, with Snow, & an intense Frost.

### JANUARY 1763

Saturday the First. I walked an hour with my Gun in the morning, fired 4 times but mist all, in the evening Oliver Preswick, Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird & myself sat at Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick's till past Twelve. I was sick when I got to Bed, tho' did not drink much.

Sunday the Second, I went to Church in the forenoon, drank Tea with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, called for ½ an hour at M<sup>r</sup> Hides, & spent the evening in my Closet.

Monday the Third. at seven I mounted (with Alex<sup>r</sup>. Pulman Jun<sup>r</sup>) stay'd half an hour at Yarm, dined at M<sup>r</sup> Pease's at Darn'ton, & drank Tea at West Auckland, where I found poor M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> James Jun<sup>r</sup> in bed, he has been ill about nine weeks, of Inflammations in his Bowels, Gouty humours in his Stomach &<sup>c</sup>.

Tuesday the Fourth, I sat by M<sup>r</sup> James most of the day, as did Doctor Dunn of B'pp. Auckland. M<sup>r</sup> James's disorder seems to point at an intermittinge

Wednesday the Fifth, I spent this day as yesterday, M<sup>r</sup> James continues much the same.

Thursday the Sixth, I left M<sup>r</sup> James very poorly, dined at Mrs Culley's at Denton, (her late Husband Matth<sup>w</sup> having been dead about a month) Cous P. Reed is there. I drank Tea with M<sup>r</sup> Pease at M<sup>r</sup> Wilkinson's who lately married Cous Bell. Stephenson, - laid at M<sup>r</sup> Pease's, after spending the evening at his Ho<sup>s</sup> with Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Terry.

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Friday the Seventh, I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Forsters at Yarm, drank Tea at Ayton, & supt at home with my Mo. who with Cous Bell Pease left Ayton last Wednesday after spending about five weeks there.

Saturday the Eighth, I spent in my Closet, we have now a mild thaw, having been a continued hard & intense Frost since the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> last (that morning being Frosty) with a little Snow now and then – wind always S:E: South, or S:W. Snows a good deal tonight at 10.

Sunday the Ninth – a hard frost this morning, & being silent Sunday, or second in the Month, M<sup>r</sup> Hide does no duty here but at Upleatham, so I stay'd at home with my Mo & Cous Bell' Pease, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison sat an hour.

Monday the Tenth – I walk'd upstreet, my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson rode here, din'd, and return'd home (to Ayton) Cous Bell' Pease, myself & Jack set them to Chapel Bridge, with our Guns, Jack shot a wild Duck, & I a Crow, my Tenants (Jn<sup>o</sup> Neesum, Soloman Man & Jn<sup>o</sup> Laverick) for my Normanby Estate, & W<sup>m</sup> White of Grainge paid me their last Mart<sup>s</sup>. Rents

Tuesday the Eleventh, - continues a hard frost Wind at S:E:, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, myself, & Jack walk'd to Skelton Jack & I had Guns but did not kill ought, we dined at Jn<sup>o</sup> Searl's sign of the Roy<sup>a</sup> Geo: in Skelton, the company consisted of Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo: Hall, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Kitching, Doctors Proddy & Bissett, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison, W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith, Rob<sup>e</sup> Corner, Hewit & myself, we stay'd till, past Nine & walk'd home.

Wednesday the Twelfth, I walk'd to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Husbands, I called at M<sup>r</sup> Harrisons, & spent the rest of the day w<sup>th</sup> my Mo & Cous, Bell Pease, still a frost, Wind S:E.

Thursday the Thirteenth, I rode to see M<sup>r</sup> Wardell of Boulby who is not well of a violent Head.Ach & stopage of the breast, which for some time has been a general complaint in the Country, the Rev<sup>ds</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Oldfield & Todd as well as myself dined with him. I return'd home to drink Tea with my Mo & Cous. Bell Pease, & then went upstreet & paid Mr W<sup>m</sup> Jackson & Son their Shop Bill, and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Danby his, for myself & Mo (the Frost continues severe, wind S:E:)

Friday the Fourteenth – in the morning Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison, Rev<sup>d</sup> Kitching, Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith, myself & Jack took our Guns, we tryed the Wood from Skelton Ellers to Watterfall, there I saw two Hares and shott them both running (at two Shots) then towards Willy Cass's & home; M<sup>r</sup> Harrison shott a wood-Cock & M<sup>r</sup> Kitching fired at the only Pheasant we saw, but missed him, Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo: Hall was to have been of our Party, but is

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ill, also M<sup>r</sup> Wm Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup> & Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Proddy, the former walked on to Skelton, with my Ambulator, & found the distance from our Cross into M<sup>r</sup> Hall (of Skelton Castle's) Kitching 3 Miles & 5 Eights & M<sup>r</sup> Proddy rode to see M<sup>r</sup> Wardell of Boulby who is better however, the Rev<sup>ds</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, & Kitching, Harrison, Smith, Proddy, & Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup> din'd with me & sat till past Ten.

Saturday the Fifteenth, I spent at home with my Mo & Cous Bell Pease, the frost continues very severe, wind still at South, & South West

Sunday the Sixteenth, I rode to Breakfast at Ayton, my Bro & Sis Wilson went to Church but I staid at home with Sis Etty who has not been well, but is now much better, Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne Sen<sup>r</sup> called to see her, I dined & return'd home, found M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison & old Marg Wright with my Mo they drank Tea.

Monday the Seventeenth, I walk'd upstreet, Jack went to Ayton with the Cart, I return'd with my writing Table, the Frost is not so severe to-day, wind N:W: I supt & sat till Nine with W<sup>m</sup> Cornforth's at his Mother's.

Tuesday the eighteenth – I walked out with W<sup>m</sup> Cornforth & Jack, with our Guns to Spring Wood &<sup>c</sup> till Noon, wee killed no Game; in the evening I supt at and sat at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's till twelve, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide Jacksons Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>. Proddy, Longbottham, & Hodgkin (of Sunderland)

Wednesday the Nineteenth, the Frost continues very intense, wind still at about South, my Bro Wilson & Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty came to see my Mother, who had a severe fitt of the Cholick yesterday after dinner, they din'd and returned home to Ayton.

Thursday the Twentieth, I spent in my Closet, my Mother had another severe fit of the Cholick after dinner to-day, then she took 3 of my late Un: Jos's Pills & his Drop, which operated smartly both ways, - Frost still

Friday the Twenty First, my Mo has had a pretty good night. I sent Jack this morning to Ayton for my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty who came here before One, and return'd about four. I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Proddy's, the company at Dinner were, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Proddy, Hide, Kitching, Langstaff, Harrison, Atkinson, Corney, Hewit, Ol<sup>r</sup> Preswick, & myself, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson came after dinner, we all parted together before Seven.

Saturday the Twenty Second, I spent at home except that I sat an hour with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, my Mother is very poorly, the Frost continues severe

Sunday the Twenty Third, Cous Bell Pease & I went to Church in the forenoon, M<sup>r</sup> Rob. Culley came in the evening, the Frost is yet severe Wind S:E:

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Monday the Twenty Fourth, Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Culley & I walked into the Markett, my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson came in their Chariot to-day, dined and return'd, my Mother is better, Frost is still severe, wind as yesterday

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Culley & I rode to Ayton, breakfasted, M<sup>r</sup> Culley took the Stokesley rode, and my Bro Wilson and myself rode to Yarm, we walked round the Town with M<sup>r</sup> Geo Foster, dined with him & return'd to Ayton where I lay all night

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth, (this day I am 27 Years old) my Mother & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison came to Ayton in her Chariott, & M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & Miss Pease upon horseback; we dined and all return'd to Gisbro', - Freezes hard,

Thursday the Twenty Seventh – 'tis five weeks this evening since the Frost commenced, & has continued, without intermission, the wind all the time at South, South West, or S<sup>o</sup> East, very little Snow has fallen during the time, my Mother & Cous Bell Pease are well. I spent the day in my Closet.

Friday the Twenty Eighth I dined with Justices Burton & Beckwith, who were met upon Vagrant Laws & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Scarth & Harrison at the Cock. My Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson came to see my Mother, (in their Chariot) dined, & return'd, my Mo & Cous Bell set them in her's to Chapel bridg, and drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Harrisons, as did M<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne & myself, the Doct<sup>r</sup> stay'd all night with me. M<sup>r</sup> Hide spent the evening till Eleven, Mr Rich Forster having been at Stockton today about M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's Affairs with her Bro (in Law) Tho<sup>s</sup> Lincoln, I desired Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick to tell him to come in (about Nine) & tell M<sup>r</sup> Hide what was done about a proposed Reference to Lawyers Hartley, & Mauleverer, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hill & W<sup>m</sup> Richardson, but by the objections he (Lincoln) starts it proves abortive like many former ones, they (Hide & Forster) went away together.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth, Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne went home to Stokesley, & I went to Boulby, & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's (who's better) with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Oldfield, his Wife, Miss's Wardell & Peggy M<sup>c</sup>Donald. I return'd, the weather is mild & thaws w<sup>th</sup> a strong Southerly wind

Sunday the Thirtieth, - I went to Church forenoon & afternoon,

Monday the Thirty first & last Day, I spent a few hours in my Closet, and sat at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Langstaff, Hide, Proddy & Hewitt till past Ten. M<sup>r</sup> Langstaff was sent for, his 2<sup>nd</sup> Son (Tho<sup>s</sup>) having had the misfortune this afternoon to be buried by a slide of Earth from the Hills near Marsk, his eldest Son narrowly escap'd.

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Tuesday the First of February, Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, Rob<sup>t</sup> Stephenson, & myself, Surveyors of these highways, rode the limits of our rode towards Wilton, Kirkleatham, & Stangow, & return'd to dinner,. Cous Bell Pease & myself rode to Ayton in the evening where we met her Bro Jn<sup>o</sup> from Darlington.

Wednesday the Second, we all left Ayton in the morning, (my Bro Wilson came with us din'd & return'd, M<sup>rs</sup> Ann Cornforth agreed with M<sup>r</sup> Pease this afternoon for her Son Rich<sup>d</sup> as an Apprentice, for 6 years from yesterday (he's gone 15 years old) she gives £42 as an Apprentice Fee, & this day the Indentures were signed. Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick sat with us till Ten.

Thursday the Third – Cousin's John & Bell Pease went to Whitby, M<sup>r</sup> Smith of Marsk breakfasted with us, & then he & I rode to Ayton, walk'd into my Bro Wilson's Ground dined with him, treated with Geo: Cummins about the Lands (but did not agree) & return'd, he went home.

Friday the Fourth, I spent most of the day in my Closet, 'tis a very fine mild thaw, I spent the evening till past Eleven, at M<sup>r</sup> Hides with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lascelles, Proddy, & Jacksons Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Saturday the Fifth I hunted with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Lascelles (with his Hounds) upon Upleatham Hill, & then down to Hob Hill, M<sup>r</sup> Proddy was with us (& many Country Men) we ran several Hares but did not kill one, we seperated at the Skelton rode (from Marsk) I drank Tea with my Mother. A very fine day wind S:W:

Sunday the Sixth, I went to Church in the morning. Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease Junr dined with us on his rode to Darlington, he paid my Mother her Int today, tho' her receipt is dated as yesterday. M<sup>rs</sup> Hide drank Tea with my Mother, she (my Mother) was obliged to leave us having an Attack of the Cholick again, she took my late Un: Jos's Pill & Drop, which operated much with her, & then was much afflicted w<sup>th</sup> ye Heartburn

Monday the Seventh, my Mother had not a very good night, but is better this morning, - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith & Hewit dined with me, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> sat an hour with us after dinner, I paid him his Father's Law Bills for my self & Mother, w<sup>ch</sup> amounted jointly to £3 16s 6d

Tuesday the Eighth – much rain has fallen last night & this morning, my Mother has W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk & W<sup>m</sup> Small at work today breaking a passage from the great dining room in to



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the (usually call'd) sick Parlour. I sat till two at M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's, with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lascelles, Kitchen Hide, Proddy, Beckwith (his Son in Law M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, & Doct<sup>r</sup> Harrison  
Wednesday the Ninth – much Snow has fallen last night Wind East very boisterous, I spent the day in my Closet, & among the workmen my Mother has,

Thursday the Tenth, last night has been very stormy, much Snow now lays upon the Green's. I went to Ayton to breakfast, din'd & return'd, Geo Cummins who intended taking my Bro Wilson's Ground has declin'd it for want of a proper House, my Mother is not well, old Tho<sup>s</sup> Terry being weak in mind, wander'd out last night & is not yet found.

Monday the Eleventh, this morning is very stormey, snows, wind at East. I spent the day with my Mother, who is very much out of order yet.

Saturday the Twelfth, I walked up to M<sup>r</sup> Preswick's & assisted him in his Account to be given into Chancery in answer to Tho<sup>s</sup> Lincoln's Bill against M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln & Oliver; this is I think the Stormyest day I ever remember, much Snow, with the Wind very high at East; my Mother had an Attack of the Cholic this afternoon more violent than ever, in the evening I thought she could not live long, but about Nine found relief

Sunday the Thirteenth, I sent Jack this morning to Ayton for my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty, but the Lanes are so filled with Snow that they are almost impassible for a single horse so she did not come, but Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne (for whom I also sent for from Stokesley) came before dinner & found my Mother much out of order, but towards evening was better. M<sup>r</sup> Proddy sat with Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne & I till near One.

Monday the Fourteenth, my Mother I thank God has had a good night, & is much relieved by the Medecines that Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne has order'd her, I walk'd into the west Lane, & towards Kirkleatham, with my Partners Surveyors, & set some Men to cut through the Snow in some places that is drifted over the causeys, my Bro Wilson walk'd here, dined, & walked home again. Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne left us, yesterday the Corps of old Tho<sup>s</sup> Terry (see last Thursday) were found among the Snow in the lane between Kirkleatham & West Cotham & were this day put into a Coffin & conveyed on horse-back to this Town & lodg'd in his own House. The Post that shou'd have com'd in yesterday did not arrive till this day at noon.

Tuesday the Fifteenth, this morning is near as Stormey as last Saturday's, a great deal of Snow falls, & the wind blows very hard at South, I sat by my Mother all day, who in the

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afternoon was visited very roughly by the Cholick, but was reliev'd by something from M<sup>r</sup> Proddy

Wednesday the Sixteenth, my Bro Wilson & Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne came to-day, & with M<sup>r</sup> Proddy dined & return'd, I walked upstreet for two hours, my Mother has had a favourable day, we have now a fine mild thaw.

Thursday the Seventeenth we have a Southerly Wind & being very mild & loud hurrys the Snow off the Ground fast, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty came to see my Mother this morning, (who is better) and the water having rissen much in the Becks prevents her return, so she stays all night.

Friday the Eighteenth to day my Mother is much better, having drank (yesterday & today) some Cyder (which I borrow'd of M<sup>r</sup> Jackson) with a little Brandy in it, my Sister Etty went home behind our Jack this evening, but before she went my Mother in her presence made me a gift or present of a Punch Bowl of Silver, which the Partnership of Boulby-Allom-Works on it's commencement presented my late Uncles Edward & Ralph Ward with, as a testimony of it's (the Partnership's) approbation & Sence of their (Edw<sup>d</sup> & Ra:<sup>s</sup>) Merit in the execution of the Trust reposed in them, - by particular appointment I met at the sign of the Cock (after drinking Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nelson, Ewit, & Atkinson of Kirkleatham) Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Proddy, Forster, & Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, Rob<sup>t</sup> Stephenson (& myself as 4 are Surveyers) to consult upon the assessment for our Highways, when it was determined (Mr Forster being foreman of the Town's Jury) that in lieu of the 6 days works appointed to be wrought by the Statute, & w<sup>ch</sup> Forster at first seem'd an advocate for that each householder &<sup>c</sup> shall pay 2s for a single horse Cart 4s & for a two (or more) horse Cart 6s, (last year each Householder paid 1s 6d, for a single horse Cart 3s, & for a double horse Cart 4s 6d,) I sat with them till past 8 o'Clock & then came home, we have had a little Rain today wind S:

Saturday the Nineteenth, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick and myself rode to the utmost limits of our highways westward & Southward (adjoining to Upsil & Hutton Locrus) & gave notice to several people to Stow their hedges, & scour their gutters or ditches, we return'd to dinner, & after, Josp Agar having told me of a hare upon his Seat, I took my Greyhounds, (Mr Harrison & Jack being with me) but the Hare being we sough for another & tho' we ranged much Ground cou'd not find one, the day has been very fine, but this eveng the wind is loud at South.

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Sunday the Twentieth I went to Church in the morning, but in the afternoon wrote several Letters & sat by my Mother who towards evening had an Attack of the Colick rather violent.

Monday the Twenty-First, Mr Rob<sup>r</sup> Preston of Stockton paid my Mo £298 5s 6d for Princ<sup>l</sup> & Int due from M<sup>rs</sup> Doro Burdett, my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson came to see my Mother, (who's better) & with M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> dined and return'd, I sat two hours with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Lascelles at the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hide's, (a fine day Wind South)

Tuesday the Twenty Second, my Mother was this morning seiz'd violently with the Cholic & continued very ill all day, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty came from Ayton & return'd, after dinner I rode out with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, & Jack, with the Greyhounds, look'd after some Men I have at work upon the high-ways, & sought for a hare but did not find one; Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne, who I sent for this forenoon came in the evening and staid all night, this evening I had Margery Wright the Mistress of the Charity School, & several of the Children & their Parents into this House, 9 Children being now Nine year's old were discharged the School, having heard them read myself, & given each of them 6d for my Mother, and I enter'd Nine Children in their steads, who pay to the Dame above 6d each as an entring penny

Wednesday the Twenty Third, - my Mo having taken 25 Grai<sup>s</sup> of my late Un: Jos's Sweating powders last night, is much better all day. M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup> dined with me, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty came from Ayton & with Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne return'd, - the above Powders & many other of my late Unles Jos.<sup>a</sup> Ward's Medicines are now published in a 6 penny Pamphlett by Jn<sup>o</sup> Page Esq (Member of Parl for Chichester) to whom he (my Un) gave his Book of Receipts

Thursday the Twenty Fourth – my Mother is better this morning. I took my Horse, Pug, rode upon the top of Roeles, & met the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, with his Hounds, several others joining us we ran several Hares and killed two, then repair'd to the sign of the Plow, (Alex<sup>r</sup> Mitchel's) in Skelton, where we dined, the company consisted of Rev<sup>m</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, Oldfield, & Kitching, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Wardell, Atkinson, Hewitt, Harrison, Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Scarth, Watson and Apothe<sup>s</sup> Proddy, Harrison, & Bissett, and myself, (in all 15) & Rich Smith of Danby came in towards evening, Jack having brought me my Horse, Shyner, & took Pug home at noon, M<sup>r</sup> Sleigh's Servant also came with Jack & return'd (about my Mother's advancing said M<sup>r</sup> Sleigh some money) I left the company about eight, & riding upon Shyner her ran away with me in Skelton Ellers,

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and a little on this side of the top of the Hill, finding I cou'd not pull him up, threw myself off, & Providentially having my feet cleared of the Stirrups receive'd no hurt, (I was rather in liquor) the Horse gallop'd home, & alarming Richard he mounted him & rode towards Skelton, unluckily missing me by going by the Church, & I walked into the Town by Northoutgate; my Sist<sup>f</sup> Etty who came from Ayton this morning staid all night my Mo being badly in the afternoon, & Doct<sup>f</sup> Wayne calling to see her on his rode to Whitby she took of my late Un: Jos's Pill & Drop, which work'd her easily  
Friday the Twenty Fifth, I rode Shyner this morning early & found my Whip w<sup>ch</sup> I lost last night my Mother was purely all day, but finding the Cholic coming on took 25 Grains of late Un: Jos's Sweating Powder in the evening, and was better, my Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty return'd to Ayton this evening,

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, my Mother had a very bad night, & is in great pain inwardly this morning, I breakfasted at Ayton, & sent my Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty to see my Mother, then proceeded to Stokesley where I spent two hours with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Prestons & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sleigh, dined at Ayton, & return'd to Gisbro' where I found my Cous Patty Reed from Yarm, having sent Rich for her this morning, my Mother very ill, Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty staid all night  
Sunday the Twenty Seventh, - my Mother is much easier to day, my Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty went to Ayton this morning and return'd, my Bro Wilson came from Ayton & return'd in the evening.

Monday the Twenty Eighth & last day day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> – my Mother has been very ill, and Doct<sup>f</sup> Wayne coming here (on his rode from Whitby) about noon found her Skin very yellow, & much of a Jaundice appear'd upon her in many Symptoms, - I went upstreet after dinner, & with M<sup>r</sup> Matthews settled a dispute between myself & Rich Clark on the one part, & Rob<sup>f</sup> Harland, (who lately married the widow of late Rob<sup>f</sup> Rowland) Greg<sup>ry</sup> & Jn<sup>o</sup> Rowland, (Sons of sd late Rob<sup>f</sup> Rowland) on the other part when it was determined, that Rob<sup>f</sup> Harland, Greg<sup>ry</sup> & Jn<sup>o</sup> Rowland shou'd jointly pay to Rich Clark & myself 16s 8d every year, viz: 11s 8d to Rich & 5s to me, to make up our difficiency in the Land Tax in the Township of Hemlington, as by the Releases made by Late Rob<sup>f</sup> Rowland to Josp Hutchinson, & Rich Clark of certain Lands in that Township may more fully appear the above People paid us one year's difficiency, and out of my 5s I gave Jn<sup>o</sup> Rowland 2s (Greg behaving ill) Rob<sup>f</sup> Harland 1s. Rich Clark 1s, & paid the reckoning w<sup>ch</sup> was 6d – the remaing 6d I kept but have not enter'd it in Cash Book. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison & Proddy spent the evening w<sup>th</sup> Doct<sup>e</sup> Wayne & myself

**MARCH 1763**

Tuesday the First day, my Mother being apparently a good deal better, I lent Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne my Shyner; & we rode to Brotton Warsett where we join'd the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles & his hounds, & after one single Chase repair'd to Saltburn by appointment, we dined and got to Gisbro' before Eight, I rode Shyner home, he seemed inclined to run away but I prevented him tho' with much difficulty for I broke one of the Reins with pulling him, see last Thursday this Book, the Company at Saltburn were, Rev<sup>d's</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lascelles, & Kitching, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith (of Marsk), & Smith (of Danby Lodg) Scarth, Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup>, Corner, & Jn<sup>o</sup> Robson, Doctors Wayne, Proddy, & Harrison & myself, - 12 in all  
Wednesday the Second, - the last has been a much better night with my Mother than she has had of 2 or 3 weeks past, and continued be Her all day, my Sister Etty came from Ayton this morning having gone to see them last night, Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne, Proddy & myself, went to Boulby, dined with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Oldfield & Miss Wardell at M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sanderson & Aug<sup>st</sup> Skottowe sat an hour after dinner & we got home by Seven;  
Serene weather

Thursday the Third - my Mother has been much better today & taken some nourishment, Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne went home and on his rode I dined with him at my Bro Wilson's & return'd my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty went to Ayton tonight

Friday the Fourth & she came again this morning & ret<sup>d</sup> at night. Jn<sup>o</sup> Bellwood of Kewick hung some of our Bells yesterday & today (my Mother continues better. M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sleigh came this evening, (see tomorrow morning) which I spent with him & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hide at the Cock till 12.

Saturday the Fifth, M<sup>r</sup> sleigh, & M<sup>r</sup> Chris: Crishop, (Lawyer Bradley's Clerk) breakfasted with me, and the Securitys were executed (by s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sleigh) for £600 advanced to him this day by my Mother at £4 10s p Cent & she continuing easier I rode with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & Jack, with the Greyhounds towards Felbrigs, & thence to Mordalebeck & home, saw several hares & killed 3, my Sis<sup>er</sup> Etty came from Ayton & return'd  
Sunday the Sixth I went to Church twice, my Sister Etty came from & return'd to Ayton, my Mother continues better, after evening Prayers, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & myself walked beyond Ol Preswick's Mill at waterfall.

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Monday the Seventh my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson dined here, my Mo continues better, I set them home drank Tea and return'd, we have had very fine weather several days past  
Tuesday the Eighth – in the morning I took my Greyhounds, & walked towards Preston-Becks & home by Tocketts, with M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison, Jn<sup>o</sup> Weatherrell & our Jack, we ran several hares but only killed one, I dined at home, my Mother is not so well to-day as yesterday.

Wednesday the Ninth Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & I rode upon Barnaby-Moor, & to my Farm (Sol<sup>o</sup> Mar Ten<sup>b</sup>) at Normanby and return'd to dinner, I walked into the fields in the afternoon, my Mo is better today, Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty came & ret<sup>d</sup> to Ayton

Thursday the Tenth, I breakfasted at Ayton walked with my Bro Wilson a good deal, dined & return'd my Mo is not so well to day, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison sat with me till Ten,

Friday the Eleventh, my Mo is better today, I inclosed in my Letter to Bro G Jackson today, a Navy Bill I bought of Jn<sup>o</sup> Henniker Esq see my Ledge: fo 35. Sister Etty came from Ayton this morning & staid all night. The wind being very boisterous at S:E, & Air uncommonly sharp.

Saturday the Twelfth I rode down to Normanby, sat an hour w<sup>th</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Pennyman Conset, & return'd to dinner where I found Doct Wayne he drank Tea & with my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty went home, my Mother is not so well today as she was yesterday. I walk'd upstreet

Sunday the Thirteenth, silent Sunday, I walk'd to M<sup>r</sup> Harrisons & sat an hour with him in the morning, & in the afternoon, he & his wife drank Tea here, my Mother is not so well today as we expected, but sat up most of the day.

Monday the Fourteenth, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty came & return'd to Ayton, my Mo got down Stairs for an hour which is the first time since Sund<sup>a</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, I sat an hour with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lawson, Smith &<sup>c</sup> at the Cock.

Tuesday the Fifteenth after breakfast I met the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Consett, & Jn<sup>o</sup> Jackson at Normanby by appointment, the former & Jn<sup>o</sup> Appleton are Surveyors of Normanby high ways, we set out a causway intended to be laid at high end of Solo. Man's (my Ten<sup>nt</sup>) high pasture, from Barnaby Moor Gate to the top of the Hill above Soloman's House, & then repair'd to my Tenant's (Jn<sup>o</sup> Neesum) and drank a Bottle of Brandy I had order'd made into Bumbo wth Milk, I got home near five, my Mother is better today & got down Stairs my Bro Wilson & Doct Wayne dined with her

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Wednesday the Sixteenth at Seven I mounted (with Alex<sup>f</sup> Pulman Jun<sup>f</sup>) breakfasted at Yarm, did not light at Darnton (M<sup>r</sup> Pease's 2 Child<sup>e</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> & Eliz<sup>a</sup> being under inoculation) dined at West Auckland, where I found M<sup>r</sup> James purely, & a Friend of his (Abra Hiven) with him, this morning was fine, but the afternoon not,

Thursday the Seventeenth M<sup>r</sup> James and I walked about, M<sup>r</sup> Oliver left him.

Friday the Eighteenth, as yesterday, M<sup>r</sup> David Jackson & Ja<sup>s</sup> Rutherford spent the afternoon with M<sup>r</sup> James, the former bought a Stack of hay of M<sup>r</sup> James for £80 suppos'd to be about 6d a Sto, & 200 Bush<sup>s</sup> of Oats at 2s 4d

Saturday the Nineteenth, M<sup>r</sup> James and I left W. Auckland, did not light at Darn'ton, dined at Yarm and reach'd Gisbro' before five, my Mo is better. I found W<sup>m</sup> Stevens from London

Sunday the Twentyeth, M<sup>r</sup> James not being very well this morning, I went to Ayton alone, din'd, drank Tea and return'd, my Mother rode out a little way in her Chariot, M<sup>r</sup> Proddy sat with us till Eleven

Monday the Twenty First, M<sup>r</sup> James & Cous P. Reed went to Ayton & I follow'd 3 hours after, we found my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson badly, & in danger of a Miscarriage, we din'd, drank Tea and return'd, my Mother rode out today & is better

Tuesday the Twenty Secon'd, M<sup>r</sup> James & I rode down to Normanby, and look'd over Mr Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett's House & Ground intended to be sold, & return'd to dinner, my Bro Wilson came & staid two hours, my Cous Reed went to Ayton

Wednesday the Twenty Third, Cous P. Reed ret'd from Ayton. M<sup>r</sup> James & I went to Ayton, and dined there with Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne & W<sup>m</sup> Stevens my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson continues much the same, we drank Tea and return'd, my Mo rode out today in her Chariot & is better

Thursday the Twenty Fourth M<sup>r</sup> James left us, I set him to Upsel & return'd, my Bro Wilson sending his Man & pair of Horses, they joined to ours convey'd my Mother & Cous P. Reed to Ayton, where I follow'd, dined, & return'd, this morning my Sist: Wilson miscaried of a Girl, her 6 Child. M<sup>r</sup> Barrough (oylman) of London, W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>f</sup> & John Harrison spent the evening with me till One.

Friday the Twenty Fifth, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & I Two of the Surveyors of our highways, collected 2<sup>s</sup> apiece of every household from Mr W<sup>m</sup> Jackson's House corner down Westgate, & to Pickering Riggs in lieu of 6 days works as established by Law, - a cold, Snowy day, wind N:<sup>o</sup>

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Saturday the Twenty Sixth I spent at home all day, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick din'd with me, & Jac:  
Botham sat an hour w<sup>th</sup> me

Sunday the Twenty Seventh I went to Church, dined, and rode to Ayton to see my Mo &  
Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson who are both better, drank Tea & return'd, stormey, wind N:W

Monday the Twenty Eighth, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M Langstaff & M<sup>r</sup> Hewitt dined with me, I sat two  
hours at the Cock with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robinson (of Ormsby,) Lawson, Skottowe, Proddy &<sup>c</sup> &<sup>c</sup>

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth. I mounted early, rode to Lofthouse, then to Grainge, & as  
M<sup>r</sup> Wardell is gone to M<sup>r</sup> Baker's, I return'd dining on my rode with Coll<sup>o</sup> Geo: Hall,  
who I thought talk't very oddly as if a little disorder'd in his head. M<sup>r</sup> Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup> was  
there, and I left him, my Mo & Cous P. Reed, return'd from Ayton

Wednesday the Thirtieth, I rode to Ayton and from thence to Normanby with my Bro  
Wilson & W<sup>m</sup> Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> (who (after eating (at my Tenant Jn<sup>o</sup> Neesum's) a piece of  
cold Beef &<sup>c</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> we carried) set about Surveying my Estate there, we staid till past six  
o'Clock, they went to Ayton and I return'd home

Thursday the Thirty first & last day of March, Jack took Cous P. Reed behind him on  
horse back (see Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>) and I rode with them to Yarm Fair recv'd some  
Rents for my Mother & self, and dined at Rob Smith's, Doct Wayne took some matter  
from a Girl Child in Yarm today to inoculate my 3 Niece Wilson's for the Small Pox  
with, I return'd in the evening by Normanby, & found my Bro Wilson & W<sup>m</sup> Stevens  
Surveying my lands there.

#### **APRIL 1763**

Friday the First, I took Jack with me early & rode to Normanby where I met W<sup>m</sup> Stevens  
(not my Bro Wilson whose 3 Children were inoculated today see yesterday) we  
continued to Survey the Lands see Wednesday dined at my Tenant Neesum's & return'd

Saturday the Second I rode with M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup> to Stokesley, din'd & return'd  
drank Tea at Ayton on my return (very fine weather lately)

Sunday (Easter) the Third – my Mother went in her Chariot with Mally Hutchinson to  
Ayton. I went to Church twice & drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's; Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird sat w<sup>th</sup> me till 11.

Easter Monday the Fourth, I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Marshall Robinson's (of Ormsby) with the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Consett & M<sup>r</sup> Lawson we sat till Ten, and I rode home, & w<sup>th</sup> some difficulty  
got into our house, the Servants being gone to bed.



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Easter. Tuesday the Fifth, I breakfasted, dined &<sup>c</sup> at Ayton & return'd home, taking my leave there of William Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup> who leaves his Father to morrow morning to go to the East Indies, as Dep<sup>ty</sup> Engineer to the Company

Wednesday, the Sixth, I spent the forenoon at Waterfall attending Carts leading paving Stones out of that beck for the Causways upon our highways, my Mother return'd from Ayton, and after we had dined, I took Jack and went through a part of the Town collecting more highway Cess, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick's Bro (Rob<sup>r</sup> Preswick weaver aged 75,) was this evening buried. I attended him to the Church, & Tho<sup>s</sup> Oliver, & Christ<sup>e</sup> (late Robert's Son) sup<sup>t</sup> & sat with me till Ten.

Thursday the Seventh, at Eight I went in the highways with 9 Men, we wrought till four and I came home to dinner at four, my Mo was return'd to Ayton, Niece Ra:<sup>l</sup> Wilson being sick (the 7<sup>th</sup> day, see last Friday) we have long had cold droughty weather; wind from N:W: to East.

Friday the Eighth, I rode to Ayton, din'd, & return'd; the children are all sick today; on my return I walk'd with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, Jac Longbotham, & Rich Walker to view a Quarry in the Park, for the use of our highways.

Saturday the Ninth, I breakfasted at Ayton rode to Stokesley and did business (for my Mother) with M<sup>r</sup> Preston & Tho<sup>s</sup> Weatherell, return'd to Ayton, & after dining there, (the Children are ill today the Small Pox begining to appear on them) return'd home. – I took Jack & my Perambulator with me to the Quarry in the Park, a cold, dry day

Sunday the Tenth, being silent Sunday I read the Lessons &<sup>c</sup> for the day to Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, & then walk'd out, I sent Jack to Ayton, who brings a favourable Acco of the Children, this afternoon I attended the remains of Joseph Danby (who died of a Consumption between 12 & 1 on Thursday night last) to his Grave, he has left a Wife, 4 Sons & a Daught; the eldest about 8 yrs old, his Bro W<sup>m</sup> of Stockton, sat two hours with me in the evening & shewd me the will; whereby he (W<sup>m</sup>) & I are appointed Trustees for his Children &<sup>c</sup>, but Joseph, after executing his will, doubting whether he shou'd make so free with me, wrote a few lines with his own hand, w<sup>th</sup>out signing or dating it, appointing Jacob Longbotham to Act in my stead, some querys arises from this, w<sup>ch</sup> I have advised him to take Lawyer Bradley of Stockton's opinion upon.

Monday the Eleventh – I dined at the sign of the Cock at the ordinary, & Mr Smith being on his rode to Thirsk Sessions, I set him to Ayton; drank Tea, & return'd; the Children are purely

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Tuesday the Twelfth – we had a fine Rain last night. After dinner I walk'd with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & Edw<sup>d</sup> Douthwaite to the Quarry in the Park. Mr Harrison sat with me till Eleven

Wednesday the Thirteenth – we have now a very fine Rain, - after dinner I rode to Ayton, (the Children are in a hopeful way) drank Tea & return'd, it is this day proposed that my Bro Wilson & I set out for London Monday next,

Thursday the Fourteenth, I rode to Boulby din'd with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Todd at M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's, and return'd home by Lofthouse, a fine warm day wind S:W:

Friday the Fifteenth, I rode with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick to Upsil, & to the Quarry in the Park, & after dinner to Ayton & return'd the Children have all past the height & are well, except a Boyle that Rachel has got in the Pit of her left Arm

Saturday the Sixteenth, I walked upstreet, & in the evening walked with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & M<sup>r</sup> Harrison into the field late Joseph Danby's which I have taken of M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Danby Sen<sup>r</sup> (of Stockton) by Letter to him today;- and towards Joseph Agar with W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk &<sup>c</sup> to view the piece of rode I intend to pave, my Mother came from Ayton

Sunday the Seventeenth, I went to Church in the forenoon, took leave of several of my Neighbours on my return, and (dining with my Mother,) about two o'Clock we are to get into her Chariot for Ayton, this is the last thing I write in my Closet, my Mother return'd home

Monday the Eighteenth, my Bro Wilson & I set out from Ayton at (Rich Pulman went with me Jack being ill) drank Tea with M<sup>rs</sup> Pybus, took post-Chaise and laid at the sign of the Bell upon Barnby-Moor, rainy to Thirsk

Tuesday the Nineteenth, we persued our Journey and laid at Stevenage, a fine day

Wednesday the Twentieth, we were in the Chaise before five, and at half past eight reached my Brother Jackson's house (in the Navy Office Yard) where we found himself and Dolly well, we walked into the Town and spent the day mostly at home (viz: at my Bro's)

Thursday the Twenty first my Bro Geo: Jackson went with me to Mr Geo: James's, Limner in Dean Street, I sat to him (at my Bro Wilson's request but much against my inclination) for my Picture, and then my Bro Wilson (who came home) and I called on Mr Rich Spencer, but he was not in the House, so we dined with M<sup>r</sup> Miles Smith in Denmark Street, we found M<sup>r</sup> James of West Auckland & M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher at my Brothers'

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Friday the Twenty second, - my Bro Wilson Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly & self went by water to see M<sup>rs</sup> Page at Greenwich, my Bro Jackson's Chariot came for us, and we all (London, april 1763) dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher's, M<sup>r</sup> Smith & family of Lambeth were there, so was Miss Wilson of Stockton, we stay'd till Ten

Saturday the Twenty Third, I sat to M<sup>r</sup> James (see Thursday last) 3 hours, called at M<sup>r</sup> Rich Spencer's again & sat half an hour, (Cous Est<sup>a</sup> Dingley's only Child a Girl, died yesterday 4 months old) dined at my Bro Jackson's with M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> James &<sup>c</sup>. My Bro he dined at M<sup>r</sup> Cockburns, Comptroler

Sunday the Twenty Fourth, my Bro's<sup>s</sup> Jackson & Wilson, Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly, M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> James & self din'd & spent the day at Beckenham with M<sup>rs</sup> Ward

Monday the Twenty Fifth, my Bro Wilson & I went early to Smithfield Markett & saw the greatest Number of Fat. Oxen & Sheep I ever met with before any where, after breakfast we went with Sis Dolly to the Exhibition of Painting of the Arts & Sciences in the Strand, we were much crowded, Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly took a Coatch, but we called to see M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Lawrence, the latter is much out of order, and we dined at my Brothers, with M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Allen &<sup>c</sup>

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth, I sat the third & last time for my Picture to M<sup>r</sup> James see last Thursday my Bro Wilson was with me, we went from thence to Mr Rich Spencer's in great George Street, where we met my Bro Jackson, Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly, M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher & M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> James, by appointment, dined and got to my Brother's by nine. M<sup>r</sup> Fran<sup>s</sup> Fox (who lives with M<sup>r</sup> Spencer at this time,) din'd w<sup>th</sup> us.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh, at a quarter past Eleven my Brother Wilson & I left my Bro Jackson's in a Post Chaise, & laid at Bugdon, w<sup>ch</sup> place we reach'd past 7.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth, we set out at five, and reach'd Ferrybridg before nine, where we staid.

Friday the Twenty Ninth, we left Ferrybridg at ½ past five, dined at Cous Pybuses at Thirsk, & my Bro Wilson's Servant, & our Jack meeting us there with horses, we came home, much wet, I did not call at Ayton, found my Mo Seemingly not well

Saturday the Thirtyeth & last day of April – I find myself out of order by a violent cold, walk'd upstreet and spent the rest of the day with my Mother

**MAY 1763**

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Sunday the First, I took Jack with me and rode to ayton, the two elder Children recover slowly from the smallpox, & are much afflicted with Boil's, this being Eddy Wilson's birthday 2 yrs old. Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne dined, I return'd to drink Tea with my Mother & M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln, the day has been very bad, high wind at N:E: & much Rain

Monday the Second, it is a memorable bad day, a storm of Wind from the North, attended by a prodigious fall of Snow; however at Eleven I took Jack with me, rode to Ayton, din'd & my Bro Wilson went to Stokesley with me I attended M<sup>r</sup> Matt Consett (at the Black Swan) in consequence of the advertisement for the Sale by Auction of his House & Ground at Normanby but there being no bidders but myself no further proceedings were done than M<sup>r</sup> Consett in private setting me £3,500 as the lowest price he wou'd take for the Estate, w<sup>ch</sup> being more than I ever intended to give, did not bid him any thing I drank Tea at Ayton on my rode home.

Tuesday the Third, this is call'd a fair day at Gisbro' but the weather continuing stormey with Rain, few people attended, my Bro Wilson dined with us & return'd

Wednesday the Fourth, I spent all day with my Mother. M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea in the afternoon

Thursday the Fifth, this day being appointed by proclamation for a General Thanksgiving on the conclusion of the war by an infamous Peace, I went to Church in the forenoon; but as M<sup>r</sup> Hide did not make Prayers in the afternoon I sat an hour with him at his own House and spent the evening till Ten with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, his Nep<sup>w</sup> Chr Preswick of Whitby being with him.

Friday the Sixth, I rode to Boulby, din'd with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, & he set me to the top of Skiningrave Bank, on my return after staying an hour at Grainge

Saturday the Seventh, I breakfasted at Ayton & in company with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick rode to Stokesley with Bro Wilson, and dined at Ayton on my return home

Sunday the Eighth, silent, so I spent the day with my Mother, M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln drank Tea with us

Monday the Ninth, my Bro Wilson came in the morning, & return'd; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> din'd with us, I sat two hours at the sign of the Cock with company

Tuesday the Tenth, after dinner I rode to Ayton drank Tea, and return'd

Wednesday the Eleventh, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I rode to Ayton, breakfasted & my Bro Wilson went with us to Stockton, we din'd at an Inn, & then Jn<sup>o</sup> Jackson of the Old Hall at Lackenby, sat half an hour with us, having this day executed a Bond to my Mother for

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£100 w<sup>ch</sup> I this day paid him in a Bank Note for that Sum No K:479. after M<sup>f</sup> Harrison & I got home, he came down, to our house & sat till Ten with M<sup>f</sup> Beckwith & his wife, who drank Tea with my Mother

(Holy) Thursday the Twelfth, I walk'd upstreet & sat an hour w<sup>th</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Danby & Jacob Longbottham at the Cock, my Mother hir'd W<sup>m</sup> Mills today (from Land Fulforth near York) to be her Gardener, (he's 23 Yrs old,) for £8 a Fustian Frock & a Guinea p Ann for washing, - a fine day but Wind at North

Friday the Thirteenth, I rode to Skelton, breakfasted with Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>f</sup> Lascelles & return'd, I sat an hour and smok'd a pipe with him at M<sup>f</sup> Hide's after dinner and rode to Ayton in the evening and return'd

Saturday the Fourteenth after dinner I walk'd upstreet w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, we then went with Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Danby Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jacob Longbottham, (Trustees & Executors of the late M<sup>f</sup> Joseph Danby's last Will) in to s. late M<sup>f</sup> Jo<sup>s</sup> Danby's field & from thence to the sign of the Cock, where for my Mother agreed with them for the said field without the House on it for the current year & till old Lady day 1763, for £10 10s Rent, clear of all deductions whatever except the Tythe, we sat 3 hours

Sunday the Fifteenth, my Mother & I went to Church in the forenoon & rode 2 or 3 Miles in her Chariot, after dinner I rode to Skelton with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup> & Harrison we called at the Park & saw my Horse Shyner & bay filly, M<sup>rs</sup> & Misses Etheringtons drank Tea with my Mother, 'tis a very fine day

Monday the Sixteenth, I walk'd upstreet, M<sup>f</sup> Wardell sent a large ox supposed to weigh about 120 Stone on his rode to Tho<sup>s</sup> Weatherall Butcher at Ayton, M<sup>f</sup> Marshal Robinson & Bro Wilson dined w<sup>th</sup> us.

Tuesday the Seventeenth, my Mother went to Ayton in her Chariot & return'd Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick dined with me after we had rode upon the Moor to see our Jack grave the Turves I order'd him to swidden or Burn upon Pilley Rigs, which the Jury of Gisbro' threaten to fine me for as an offence to the Laws of that Jury, I did it by vertue of the right that my Title Deeds of my Freehold fields gives me to Turbary on the Common of Gisbro', but on examination I find Pilley Rigg is within the Manor of Skelderskew w<sup>ch</sup> belongs to M<sup>f</sup> Chaloner separate from Gisbro', how it will end is not yet known

Wednesday the Eighteenth, I rode to Bouldby, & dined at M<sup>f</sup> Wardell's w<sup>th</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Corney, and went forward to Whitby to Mr Pease's, - a fine dy, but Wind at N<sup>o</sup>

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Thursday the Nineteenth, I spent the day at Whitby in walking &<sup>c</sup> with M<sup>f</sup> Pease and family

Friday the Twentieth – I left Whitby, & never was so wett on horse back in my Life riding to Boulby, where I dined, & M<sup>f</sup> Wardell came home with me, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Harrison Prody, & Jackson Jun<sup>f</sup> supt & sat with us till past Eleven

Saturday the Twenty first, before six M<sup>f</sup> Wardell and I set out for Stokesley where we breakfasted after calling at Ayton to which place I return'd to dinner, but he went into the County of Durham

Whit Sunday the Twenty Second, I went to Church Service, M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, & the two M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson's drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> us

(Whitsun) Monday the Twenty Third, my Mother is not well today, I rode to Ayton drank Tea & return'd

Whitsun) Tuesday the Twenty fourth, we had a pretty great fair day, I sat two hours at M<sup>f</sup> Hides

Wednesday the Twenty fifth, I attended the making a piece of Turnpike near Jos Agar's, we led the Stones from the Park, & intend having Gravels from the Becks

Thursday the Twenty Sixth, I attended the Turnpike see yesterday, my Mother is better

Friday the Twenty Seventh, we nearly finish'd the Turnpike; & intend letting it remain so sometime yet, my Sist<sup>e</sup> Etty din'd with us, & my Mother set her home in her Chariot, Harry Pecket came to see us from Easingwood

Saturday the Twenty Eighth, after dinner my Mother myself & Harry Pecket went to Ayton & return'd

Sunday the Twenty Ninth, my Bro & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson came before breakfast & went to Church with my Mo & I, M<sup>f</sup> Hide din'd with us, & then my Mo myself & Harry Pecket (on Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty's horse Smiler) set them home & return'd

Monday the Thirtieth, Harry Pecket went away old M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease came from Whitby in a post-Chaise before dinner today a few days with my Mo & at Ayton

Tuesday the Thirty first, & last Day, M<sup>f</sup> Pease & I walk'd out twice, M<sup>f</sup> Kitchen of Skelton breakfasted with us, & Brist<sup>o</sup> Pease dined, my Mo & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease set him home to Skelton in the chariot, a fine day

**JUNE 1763**

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Wednesday June the First, M<sup>f</sup> Pease & I walk'd to see the Carts bring paving Stones from Langbaugh Rigg to pave near Jos Agars, my Bro & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson came before dinner, after it, M<sup>f</sup> Pease got into my Mo<sup>'s</sup> Chariot & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease into my Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson's with the Mistress's thereof & went to Ayton, my Bro Wilson rode on horseback home, but I could not go, having got the Piles & a painful leg, a fine day.

Thursday the Second, I rode to Ayton, w<sup>th</sup> my Mo in her Chariot dined & return'd, but my Mother staid all night, her Servants did not.

Friday the Third, my leg being better I rode on horse back to Ayton, and dined there with S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Fowlis (Bt) & his Lady, M<sup>f</sup> Pease & my Mo came to Gisbro' in her Chariot & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease rode behind Jack, fine showery weather

Saturday the Fourth, my Mo & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease in the Chariot & Mr Pease & myself on horseback rode to Kirkleatham after dinner look'd over the Hospital Library &<sup>c</sup> and return'd, Bristowe Pease laid all night

Sunday the Fifth, my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson, Sis<sup>f</sup> Jackson & the Children came from ayton, my Mo Mr & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease & we all went to Church (except my Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson & Children), as did Mess<sup>rs</sup> Pease, Wilson & myself in the afternoon, the Ayton People went home in the evening.

Monday the Sixth, my Mother's Chariot went to Whitby with M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease and return'd, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Lascelles & Hide, & M<sup>f</sup> Proddy dined with me, I walked with the former to Skelton, stay'd half an hour with M<sup>f</sup> Kitching & walk'd home

Tuesday the Seventh; my Mo in her Chariot & I on horseback rode to Ayton, & return'd in the evening after dining with Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Turner, (Master Thornhill,) Mauleverer (his Lady) & W<sup>m</sup> Sutton, M<sup>f</sup> Skottowe, his sis<sup>f</sup>, Daught<sup>r</sup>, & 2 other Ladys drank Tea

Wednesday the Eighth, I rode up to the Park with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick about our high ways, M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea & supt with my Mother,

Thursday the Ninth, I took a walk w<sup>th</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Stephenson (my Bro Surveyor) into Waterfall Lane, & after dinner w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick (another Bro) into Stokesley-lane, the rest in my Closet

Friday the Tenth, I breakfasted with Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>f</sup> Kitching at Skelton, we rode to my house at Grainge (where Jack had gone before with a piece of Beef) the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lascelles, Kitching & Oldfield & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Harrison, Wardell, Proddy, & Corner dined w<sup>th</sup> me and sat till nine when we parted & came home

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Saturday the Eleventh, I spent at home all day, in the afternoon my Sisters Wilson & Etty with the three Children came in the Chariot, drank Tea & return'd

Sunday the Twelfth, last night & yesterday we have had plentiful, seasonable Showers, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, & M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln dined & drank Tea with my Mother & I & W<sup>m</sup> Kendrew (M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's Nephew) Fran<sup>s</sup> Pearson & Geo Chapman dined in the Kitchen, I sat an hour at Doctr Proddy's with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison spent an hour with us in the evening, 'tis silent Sunday, so I read a Sermon at home

Monday the Thirteenth, Rev<sup>ds</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Noble (of Scorton) & M<sup>r</sup> Hide drank Tea with my Mother. I sat at the Cock w<sup>th</sup> 'em 2 hours – a fine day

Tuesday the Fourteenth, my Mo & M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln went to Ayton in the Chariot this morning & return'd in the evening, I walked to see the workmen on the high ways & M<sup>r</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith came to me. I came home with him & paid him (for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wilson) £650 in Bank Bills for my Bro Wilson in further part of Purchase money for Ayton House & Ground he din'd with me and I rode to his House at Marsk, drank Tea with M<sup>rs</sup> Noble, Miss Duck &<sup>c</sup> and return'd he set me part of y<sup>e</sup> way.

Wednesday the Fifteenth, Mr Harrison walk'd with me to the Pavement W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk is laying near Jos Agar's, I went about to Collect highway Cess.

Thursday the Sixteenth, much rain fell this morning, after dinner Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick rode to Coat Green & viewed some very bad road belonging to Wilton, we return'd by W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk's of the Park House, we had some Rain.

Friday the Seventeenth, I took Jack with me to Boulby with a cold Mutton Pye having our six Month's Pay, we dined in the New House for the first time, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell having got his two Daughters there. Geo. Deighton of London laid at our house.

Saturday the Eighteenth, I walk'd upstreet with Mr Geo Deighton, he did business with M<sup>r</sup> Jackson, dined & went to Whitby on his road to London. I attended the workmen on the highways this afternoon near Jos<sup>p</sup> Agar's

Sunday the Nineteenth, my Mother went to Ayton in her Chariot in the morning, I rode on after I had been at Church, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hudson Curate of Stokesley & Capt Wayne & his wife din'd, we return'd in the even in the Chariot

Monday the Twentyeth I walk'd upstreet & sat an hour at the Cock w<sup>th</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Lincoln, Mich. Smith &<sup>c</sup>

Tus, & after they went away I rode to Normanby & attended the Sale of M<sup>r</sup> Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett's Mansion House & Ground, it was put at £2,800. Mr Mich<sup>l</sup> Shields (a Quaker)



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of Stockton bid £10 more, I did not bid anything, he desired till Friday to consult w<sup>th</sup> his Friends, I return'd home to Tea.

Wednesday the Twenty Second, I attended W<sup>m</sup> Hobkirk paving the causway near Jos Agars most of the day, it is 84 yards long & 3 yards wide within the side Stones, and finished this evening in 5 days.

Thursday the Twenty Third, I attended the highways & had my Closet clean'd out by M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln. M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> James came before dinner.

Friday the Twenty Fourth, after dinner my Mother & M<sup>r</sup> James went to Ayton in her Chariot & return'd. I attended the high ways, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cockburn Attorney's Clerk at Leeds spent the evening with us.

Saturday the Twenty fifth, I attended 4 Carts leading Gravel from Windle hill to the Turnpike near Jos<sup>p</sup> Agar's, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty came to breakfast, after dinner M<sup>r</sup> James & I rode to Ayton call'd on my Bro Wilson & we all three went to Thirsk, staid there all night & on

Sunday the Twenty Sixth, breakfasted at Borroughbridg, & proceeded to Weatherby where we dined with my Bro Jackson, Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly, M<sup>rs</sup> Ward, M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher & her Son Ben: we return'd to Borrobridg, drank Tea & all proceeded to Rippon where we laid all night at M<sup>rs</sup> Haddon's (sign of the Unicorn)

Monday the Twenty Seventh, after breakfast we all went to Studley Park, Gardens, House &<sup>c</sup> return'd to Rippon to dinner, & then M<sup>r</sup> James, M<sup>rs</sup> Ward, M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher & her Son Ben.<sup>a</sup> set forward for W. Auckland, and we came to Thirsk, but were stopt an hour on our road at Baldersby by violent Lightning, Thunder & Rain.

Tuesday the Twenty Eighth, we left Thirsk & staid an hour at Bessy Bell's my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly having broke a stay to the Spring of the Phaeton, however we dined at Ayton, & then my Mo & I came home I left the rest there. I spent the even w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Linskill at the Cock

Wednesday the Twenty Ninth, my Mo Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & self went to Ayton in the morning & return'd w<sup>th</sup> my Bro Geo & Sis<sup>r</sup> Do & the Ayton family to dinner; they (Wilson's) went home

Thursday the Thirtieth & last day, was spent at home, except that Bro Geo & I rode to ayton drank Tea & return'd, much Rain fell the forepart of the day. Harry Pecket walk'd from Easingwood hither.

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Friday, July the First..my Bro Geo:, Harry Pecket, Jn<sup>o</sup> Lee (my Bro's Serv) & myself set out for Whitby before breakfast, we call'd at Grainge & Harry Pecket knock'd a Wolf Tooth out of the Mouth of my Year old Colt (Sweeper,) we called on horse back at M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's & reach'd M<sup>r</sup> Pease's by dinner, we walk'd out in the afternoon, & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Linskill supt with us at M<sup>r</sup> Pease's.

Saturday the Second, we walk'd into the East part of Whitby w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ad: Boulby, dined at M<sup>r</sup> Pease's & left Whitby with Cous Bell Pease.

Sunday the Third, my Mo & Bro Geo: in his Phaeton went to Ayton, so did all the family, were at Church in the morning & in the evening return'd.

Monday the Fourth, Justices Turner & Skottowe held a Special Sessions for the high ways, & I (being Survey<sup>r</sup>. for Gisbro') presented the State & condition of our roads my Bro Geo: & I dined with, the Gentlemen at the Cock

Tuesday the Fifth, my Bro Wilson (from Ayton) Bro Jackson & self drank Tea with Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, and we all proceeded w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Smith to Boulby (by Kilton.) dined with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell & walked down to Steaths w<sup>th</sup> our Guns, shooting Sea Gulls, my two Bro<sup>s</sup> went to Ayton, but I staid at Gisbro' - a fine day.

Wednesday, the Sixth, my Mother & I went to Ayton, my Brothers, Sisters, Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne &<sup>c</sup> & self went upon Rosbury-Topping, M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles din'd with us. M<sup>r</sup> & Miss Skottowe drank Tea, my Mo Cous P Reed & I came home, & found Nanny Chapman very ill of a sore Throat

Thursday the Seventh, Nanny Chapman continues very ill, I imploy'd most of the day in the Hay field.

Friday the Eighth, early in the morning I rode to Hemlington & mark'd the Ground for a Kitchen &<sup>c</sup> to my Farm there breakfasted at Ayton on my rode home, my Bro<sup>s</sup> Jackson Wilson, Sisters Wilson & Jackson &<sup>c</sup> & the Children came home with me, dined & return'd. Nanny Chapman is better.

Saturday the Ninth, my Mo,Bro. Jackson, Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly &<sup>c</sup> Miss Wilson from Stockton came & myself went to Ayton & met the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Temple & M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Close, dined, & all return'd to Gisbro' in the evening.

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Sunday the Tenth, being Month Sunday M<sup>r</sup> Temple read prayers & preached, and after dinner, he M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Close & Miss Wilson went to Stockton, my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson & family dined with us & return'd.

Monday the Eleventh, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell of Boulby dined with us, & then my Bro Jackson & I went w<sup>th</sup> him to Darnton, where we met M<sup>r</sup> Baker, my Bro & I laid at M<sup>r</sup> Pease's, we drank Tea at Yarm as we went.

Tuesday the Twelfth, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> James Ward, M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher & her Son came from West Auckland, dined at M<sup>r</sup> Wilkinson's & then we all came to Gisbro', after my Bro & I waited the intended Sale of Low Dinsdale at M<sup>r</sup> Barker's request, but it was not sold; rainy weather,

Wednesday the Thirteenth, my Bro. & Sistr<sup>s</sup> Wilson & Jackson came from Ayton, dined & return'd, the rest walked out in the evening.

Thursday the Fourteenth, we all (see Tuesday) went to Ayton, dined, & my Mo., M<sup>rs</sup> James & I return'd home, a very heavy Rain today, about 10 Acres of Hay down.

Friday the Fifteenth, - my Mo. M<sup>rs</sup> James, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison & myself went to Ayton dined & return'd except M<sup>rs</sup> James, - a bad hay day again.

Saturday the Sixteenth, I breakfasted at Ayton, and went from thence with my Bro. G: Jackson, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> James (& Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly set us) to Yarm, where we dined, drank Tea at Darn'ton & supt at West Auckland, showery weather.

Sunday the Seventeenth, Doctor Dun came to M<sup>r</sup> James's, & then he with my Bro. Jackson, M<sup>r</sup> James & myself, rode by Wood-houses to Bishop-Auckland, and the Bishop's Park there, dined at M<sup>r</sup> James's, & then rode to Raby-Castle, quite through the Park, & drank Tea with Lord Darlington, his Bro. Raby Vane, Duke of Cleveland and Capt Barrington, & return'd to M<sup>r</sup> James's the Doct<sup>r</sup>, went home.

Monday the Eighteenth my Bro. Mr James & self went to Durham, where we met M<sup>r</sup> Baker (by appointm<sup>t</sup>) to talk over the Suit with M<sup>r</sup> Nich<sup>s</sup> Lambton about Biddick Colliery, w<sup>ch</sup> we did at M<sup>r</sup> Dixon & Robinson's Office, the former (Dixon) was not present, dined & return'd to W: Auckland, we breakfasted at Doct<sup>r</sup> Dun's in the morning

Tuesday the Nineteenth, we left W: Auckland (M<sup>r</sup> James with us) dined at M<sup>r</sup>. Pease's, & drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup>. Forster's where we met M<sup>rs</sup> Ward, M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher & her Son Benj<sup>a</sup>. they all proceeded to Darn'ton, my Bro. Came to Ayton, and I came home, a fine day

Wednesday the Twentieth, my Bro. Jackson & Sist<sup>r</sup> Etty rode on horseback from Ayton, & I return'd to dinner, & came home in the evening, showery weather.

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Thursday the Twenty first, my Bro. Jackson Sisters Wilson & Do:, Cous<sup>ns</sup> P Reed, Bell: Pease &<sup>c</sup> came to dine with my Mother & staid all night (except Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson,) we repair'd our Stack today

Friday the Twenty Second, my Mother & Bro. Jackson went to Ayton in her Chariot, & came home to dinner. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hide, Proddy & Harrison spent the evening with my Bro. & I till past Twelve.

Saturday the Twenty Third, my Bro Geo: Jackson, & Sister Dolly left this House this morning on their return to London (see Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> ulto.) my Mother, Cousins P. Reed, & Bell' Pease, & myself went to Ayton, & din'd. M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease of Darnton came there, I came home in the evening & left every body at Ayton.

Sunday the Twenty Fourth, before Seven I went to Ayton, and after breakfast, my Mother & Bro Geo: in her Chariot, Sisters Wilson & Dolly in her Chariot & Bro. Wilson & I upon horseback left Ayton, my Bro. & Sister Wilson return'd from Ingleby in their Chariot, but my Mo. & Sis<sup>r</sup> Dolly in her Chariot & Bro. G. Jackson & self on horseback proceeded to Thirsk, where we dined at Mr Butterwick's. Mr Greg Eleslsey & Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles dined there with us.

Monday the Twenty Fifth, at about Ten my Bro. Geo. Jackson & Sister Dolly left Thirsk in a Post Chaise (for Borrowbridg) his Servs & Phaeton having gone forward; & about an hour after, my Mother & I left Thirsk we called at Bessy Bells, and drank Tea at Ayton, Cous P: Reed came home with us from thence.

Tuesday the Twenty Sixth, I attended the Hay-field but it has been an unfavourable day.

Wednesday the Twenty Seventh, I attended the Hay-field, and have had a very fine day.

Thursday the Twenty Eighth has been a very fine day, we increased our Stack, & got some very fine hay. I spent the evening till about Eleven w<sup>th</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> & Ol<sup>f</sup> Preswick at late W<sup>m</sup> Lincoln's Widows, & bought of her 2 ½ Acres of Meadow for my Mother, to pay £3. for it.

Friday the Twenty Ninth, I dined with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell at Boulby, rece'd my Mayday Rent of W<sup>m</sup> White in my room at Grainge, & on my return home found my Mo. & Cous. P. Reed coming from Ayton, the former not well

Saturday the Thirtyeth much Rain has fallen last night & continues this morning, my Mother is better & has taken 2 of my late Un: Jos's Vomiting Pills, which operated severely upwards & down.

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Sunday the Thirty First, & last day – my Mother is better today, my Bro. & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson came from Ayton in the morning, and we went to Church, and I went in the afternoon too, after Tea they return'd home, I had a Swarm of Bees today out of one of my Boxes.

### AUGUST 1763

August. Monday the First Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty came to see my Mother who is so much better as to ride out in the Chariot with her & Cous. P. Reed to Upleatham I sat an hour with Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith, & Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> at the Cock.

Tuesday the Second, about five Neighbour Rob<sup>f</sup> Stephenson & I set off for Yarm Fair, we called at my Farm House at Hemlington as we went; I rece'd my Mother's & my Rents & dined at Rob<sup>f</sup> Smith's, & after spending half an hour at M<sup>f</sup> Forsters, we return'd together in a constant Rain from Yarm to Gisbro', my Mother's better

Wednesday the Third, I never saw heavier showers of Rain than fell this forenoon. S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Foulis (Bart.) & his Lady, with my Bro. & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson in their (S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m's</sup>) Coatch came to dine with us, & went away about Seven.

Thursday the Fourth very showery weather. I stamp't lead Labels for my Celler, Cous Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease Junr & his Sis<sup>f</sup> Bell, came & laid here on their rode from Darlington

Friday the Fifth after breakfast I set M<sup>f</sup> Pease & his Sis<sup>f</sup> to Skelton Park, on their rode to Whitby, a very poor hay-day.

Saturday the Sixth This day we laid 12 loads of Hay upon the Stack for the 3<sup>d</sup> time.

Doct<sup>f</sup> Wayne drank Tea, & I walk'd upstreet for 2 hours after,

Sunday the Seventh, my Bro & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson Cous. P. Reed & self went to Church, & after dinner we w<sup>th</sup> my Mother visited M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloner, her Sons in Law Lascelles & his Lady & Hale & his Lady, a heavy shower fell

Monday the Eighth – I walked upstreet Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wilson of Ayton & Preston dined with us, & Mr Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith sat two hours with us, having to settle the Account between my Bro. Wilson & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Wilson late of Ayton, my Bro Wilson went home, but Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Preston & myself went down to Normanby to treat with Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett about his House & Ground, but he was gone to Scarbro', so we return'd to our respective homes thro<sup>u</sup> a most heavy Rain. M<sup>f</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Allen (Gentleman Usher to the Queen) came here w<sup>th</sup> his Serv before Ten from Scarbro'.

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Tuesday the Ninth, I spent the day chiefly w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Allen, walking, & attending the Stack-yard where we have begun a second Pike or Stack. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease Sen<sup>r</sup> their Son John, & his Daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> came in his (John's) own Post Chaise from Whitby, a fine day but rather too windy

Wednesday the Tenth. M<sup>r</sup> Pease &<sup>c</sup> &<sup>c</sup> proceeded on their Journey to Darn'ton, my Mother, Cous. P. Reed M<sup>r</sup> Allen & self went to Ayton, din'd, & return'd in the evening  
Thursday the Eleventh – M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Allen left us this morning for Richmond. Jack made an addition to our first Pike w<sup>ch</sup> is now nearly finish'd my Mo, Cous. P. Reed, & self rode to Tib Suiters [?] & back.

Friday the Twelfth. Sist<sup>r</sup> Etty came before dinner; I rode down to Normanby after; return'd to Tea; M<sup>r</sup> James from W<sup>r</sup>. Auckland came directly after; my Sist<sup>r</sup>. went home; my Mother is much out of order,

Saturday the Thirteenth. M<sup>r</sup> James & I spent the day at home, my Mother is better to-day, but however consented that Doctor Wayne shou'd be sent for, who accordingly attended before dinner, and return'd in the evening.

Sunday the Fourteenth, being second Sunday in the month no divine Service was done at our Church, but my Bro. & Sis<sup>ers</sup> Wilson & Etty & the 3 Children came to see my Mother, who is better to-day, and return'd in the evening.

Monday the Fifteenth, we made an addition to our second Hay-Pike, M<sup>r</sup> Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett dined with us, & then M<sup>r</sup> James & I went with him to the Cock, where we had Mess<sup>rs</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup>. & Lawson, Attorneys, & M<sup>r</sup> Smith. Mr Consett told me he wou'd take £2,000 for his Ground, but on my agreeing to give it him he refused to Article unless I woud give him £2,800 for the House, Lands, & Cottages conjunct, but I refused his offer by £200. £2,600 being the most I would give him, so we parted, this has been a very fine day.

Tuesday the Sixteenth, after breakfast M<sup>r</sup> James & I rode over my Estate at Normanby to fix a New Rent, & other alterations to the Tenants, he proceeded homewards & I set him to Haggiss-Pond & spent an hour at my Farm there, (Hemlington) I din'd at home but my Mo & Cous P. Reed dined at Ayton, with S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Fowlis his Lady, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Pierce Jun<sup>r</sup> & Fra<sup>s</sup> Reed

Wednesday the Seventeenth – I spent the day in my Closet, much Rain & wind, in the evening I rode to Waterfall to see how the water effects the rode

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Thursday the Eighteenth, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & self rode to the limits of our high-ways towards Whitby & there determined to make a piece of Turnpike road; after dinner I went to Ayton on my Mo<sup>s</sup> Greyhorse (Engineer) gone 4 years old. I went w<sup>th</sup> my Bro. & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson &<sup>c</sup> & Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Edwards of Greenwich to M<sup>r</sup> August<sup>e</sup> Skottowe's, & drank Tea, I return'd home.

Friday the Nineteenth. I wrote a long letter to my Bro Jackson & spent the Day much at home in my Closet

Saturday the Twentyeth, I breakfasted at Ayton & then my Bro Wilson & I called to pay our respects to M<sup>r</sup> Peirson of Stokesley (lately come to live there) but he was gone to Hambleton Races, so we staid two or three hours in the Town & dined at Ayton my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson rode with me home, drank Tea with my Mo & return'd, this night my Mother found herself ill of a Sore -Throat.

Sunday the Twenty first after my Cous P Reed & I had been at Church my Mother complain'd so much of her Throat &<sup>c</sup> that I sent for Doct<sup>r</sup> Wayne & Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty who both came, & they staid all night.

Monday the Twenty Second my Mother is perceivablely better to-day, the inflammation in Her Throat being much abated & the Fever consequent thereto; after dinner Doctor Wayne & I walked upstreet & finding Mr Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett at the sign of the Cock we sat with him & Apothecarys Proddy & Harrison till past one o'Clock in the morning. Sister Wilson came to-day, dined, & return'd

Tuesday the Twenty Third, my Mother is so well to-day as to get down stairs, so Doctor Wayne left us in the morning & Sist<sup>r</sup> Etty in the evening.

Wednesday the Twenty-Fourth at Six Jack & I went to Stockton, I breakfasted w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sutton, dined (at 11) at my Inn, & return'd home after marking out a Hedge across one of my fields at Normanby called Page-Howl. I found my Mother still better, a fine day.

Thursday the Twenty Fifth, I rode to Boulby, dined at M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's, called at Grainge & got home by six.

Friday the Twenty Sixth I spent most of the day in my Closet reading &<sup>c</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison supt & spent the evening with us.

Saturday the Twenty Seventh, This being fair-day M<sup>r</sup> Wardell of Boulby came to buy some Cattle, he dined with us, I then set him to Skelton where meeting w<sup>th</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>r</sup> Lascelles at M<sup>r</sup> Kitching's I stayed till Seven o'Clo & return'd, (a fine harvest day)

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Sunday the Twenty Eighth – my Mother is not very well to-day. Cous. P Reed, & self went twice to Church, 'has been a fine drying day.

Monday the Twenty Ninth, I met Will<sup>m</sup> Fewster (Mason) early on Barnaby-Moor & order'd him to begin work on Wednesday next to cut Stones for the use of my Farms at Normanby, then treated w<sup>th</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Trenham about one of the said Farm's (now Tenanted by Solo. Man) but we did not agree, I then proceeded to my Farm at Hemlington but the Men were not at work, I then came to Ayton, where I met my Mo. & Cous P. Reed, dined, drank Tea & return'd home

Tuesday the Thirtyeth, before Seven I rode with Jos Agar, Tho<sup>s</sup> Trenholme, & Rob<sup>er</sup> Thomas Jun<sup>r</sup> (of Sleddale late Dav<sup>d</sup> Thomas's Son) to my Farms Tenanted by Solo. Man at Normanby, & let the said Farm to Said Rob<sup>t</sup> Thomas for £55 p. Ann. for 9 Years to commence next May day – see Rental, and spent the rest of the day at home.

Wednesday the Thirty first – and last day; about Six I rode upon Barn'by-Moor & set W<sup>m</sup> Fewster at work to cut Stones at the Quarry, see last Monday; my Mo. & Cous P. Reed, M<sup>r</sup> Hide & Thomas Preswick went to Ayton. I went beyond Newton in the evening to meet them returning.

### SEPTEMBER 1763

September, Thursday the First after breakfast I rode to Boulby, but M<sup>r</sup> Wardell being gone to Saltburn Club – I did not light, but called at Grainge on my return home to dinner & I spent the afternoon at home

Friday the Second, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick & self rode to my Quarry on Barn'by Moor where W<sup>m</sup> Fewster is working; on our return we met my Mo. Riding out, after dinner I took Jack with me, & with my Spaniel-Dog (Sankoe) & our Guns, ranged for Partridges, saw few, & killed – None –

Saturday the Third. I spent the day at home in reading &<sup>c</sup> Mr Henry Askew of Newcastle spent an hour w<sup>th</sup> us on his rode to Whitby

Sunday the Fourth my Mo Cous P Reed & myself went to Church in the morning, they rece'd the Sacrament, after dinner we all went to Ayton & return'd.

Monday the Fifth I did business w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> & Rich<sup>d</sup>. Sanderson of Tofthill near Hutton-Rudby for my Mother, she having this day advance'd Sanderson £450 on Mortg<sup>a</sup>



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at £4 p.C<sup>t</sup>. – my Bro. & Sist<sup>r</sup> Wilson, & Miss Skottowe dined with us M<sup>r</sup> Skottowe & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea.

Tuesday the Sixth I walked out w<sup>th</sup> Jack, w<sup>th</sup> each a Gun to the North side of the Town, Jack killed one Partridg out of few we saw, I spent the rest of the day at home, my Mother & Cous P. Reed drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Jackson's

Wednesday the Seventh I went to Boulby but M<sup>r</sup> Wardell being gone down to Staiths I follow'd him, we came to the Allom House by Eleven, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Harper (Rector of Easington) his Son (about 15) & M<sup>r</sup> Oldfield (his Curate) dined with us; I called at Grainge on my return, in the evening M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Pease Sen<sup>r</sup>. & their Granddaughter, Beth, & M<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup> Core of London came from Darlington here

Thursday the Eighth - M<sup>r</sup> Core and I rode to Ayton. I proceeded to Stokesley and took Ja<sup>s</sup>. Bradshaw Peirson Esq<sup>rs</sup>. Bond for £500 to my Mo At £4 P C<sup>t</sup> see my Mo<sup>s</sup> Ledger, called on Doct<sup>r</sup> Wanley, & on my return to Ayton met M<sup>r</sup> Wilson & M<sup>r</sup> Core, we dined at Ayton & to Gisbro' after

Friday the Ninth I went with M<sup>r</sup> Core to Boulby on his rode to London, he proceeded to Whitby after dinner, & I return'd home w<sup>th</sup> Jack in the evening

Saturday the Tenth – a very Rainy-day spent at home, & drank Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Harrison's Sunday the Eleventh - I took Jack with me, called at Ayton where I stopt an hour. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Smith of London, being there, (he (Smith) is Executor of late Capt Crumpton of Rippon,) then we proceeded through Stockton and baited an hour at Sedgfield, from whence I hired a Guide to Elemore Hall where I arrived about Six, & found M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Baker well

Monday the Twelfth, Mr Baker & I rode to Durham, & taking Rob<sup>t</sup> Robinson the Attorney with us waited on Lawyers Rudd & Gyll, when we form'd a plan of proceedings to go upon in the intended Reference (to the above two Lawyers) of the Chancery suit with M<sup>r</sup> Nich<sup>s</sup> Lambton and return'd to dine at Elemore

Tuesday the Thirteenth M<sup>r</sup> Baker & I rode to Biddick & fixt next Monday for Mr Nich<sup>s</sup> Lambton & our meeting the Lawyers (see yesterday) &<sup>c</sup> at Durham to enter into Arbitration Contracts, we return'd to dinner at Elemore where I saw Lord Strathmore (now 26 y<sup>rs</sup> old) but he did not stay

Wednesday the Fourteenth, after breakfast I left M<sup>r</sup> Baker, rode through Sedgfield & dining at Stockton, reach'd home by Tea & found my Mo. Well.

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Thursday the Fifteenth, I spent at home in looking over M<sup>r</sup> Nich<sup>s</sup> Lambton's Accts wth my late Un: Ra: Ward &<sup>c</sup>

Friday the Sixteenth, I rode down to Normanby early to attend the laying a Bridge – I met w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Matt. Consett, & gave him some Rum-Bumboe at Jn<sup>o</sup> Neesom's. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea wth us after I came home

Saturday the Seventeenth after breakfast Cous P. Reed & I rode to Ayton, I left her there & went to Stokesley, after drinking a Glass with Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett (at Doct<sup>r</sup> Waynes) I bought his House & Gound at Normanby for £2,700 to enter next May day, & I return'd home before 10

Sunday the Eighteenth, I took Jack with me to Elemore where I arrived at six after baiting at Sedgfield

Monday the Nineteenth, M<sup>r</sup> Baker & I met (at the old Red. Lyon in Durham) M<sup>r</sup> Nich<sup>s</sup>. Lambton of Biddick, with his Friends Lawyer Gyll, Mascall (Attorney) & Cha<sup>s</sup> Bourn (Fitter in Sunderland) & our Friends Lawyer Rudd, & Robinson, (Attorney) after dinner we enter'd in to Articles, purporting that a Deed of Arbitration shou'd as soon as conveniently my be, be execute'd by the disagreeing parties in Biddick-Colliery, I sign'd the Articles for my Mother & M<sup>rs</sup> Dingley, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Baker & Lambton for themselves. I went to West Auckland in the evening

Tuesday the Twentyeth. M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> James & I rode to see the tryal he is making for my Brother to get Coals at Woodhouses, the Pit is now 15 Fatham deep & they're in great hopes, Capt Hylton (of the Marines now on half-pay) dined & spent the day w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James

Wednesday the Twenty-first, a very great deal of Rain fell last night & this forenoon, after drinking Tea with M<sup>r</sup> James I went to Darn'ton & laid at M<sup>r</sup> Peases

Thursday the Twenty Second, I left Darn'ton called half an hour at Yarm, & dined w<sup>th</sup> my Mother at home, - I spent most of the afternoon in my Closet.

Friday the Twenty Third, I walk'd upstreet before dinner & in the evening walk'd to Chapel-Brig &<sup>c</sup>

Saturday the Twenty Fourth M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison & I rode to Lofthouse, & he & I proceeded to Boulby, where I was a Witness to Geo: Dodds & Mary Stephenson (late W<sup>m</sup>'s Widow) signing their Marriage Article, we dined at M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's & then sought for a hare in Grainge Ground we saw one but did not kill her; M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison ret<sup>d</sup> home w<sup>th</sup> us

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Sunday the Twenty Fifth, I went to Church in the forenoon with my Mother, and then I rode on to Skelton Castle where I din'd w<sup>th</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, his Bro Capt<sup>n</sup> Peter of the York Indian. being there, & stay'd till Six

Monday the Twenty Sixth, I paid Capt Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett £94 and 5s w<sup>ch</sup> w<sup>th</sup> £5 5s paid Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> inst is in part of the Purchas. Money Article for his House &<sup>c</sup>. my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson came, din'd, & return'd. I sat some hours at the Cock w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Smith &<sup>c</sup>.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh, I breakfasted at Ayton & return'd, & dined at the Cock, w<sup>th</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> Proddy, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, W<sup>m</sup> Colthirst, & Jas. Bird, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison came to us after dinner & we sat till Ten, I paid all the reckoning which amounted exactly to a Guinea see Thursday Sept<sup>r</sup> the 23 1762 this Book.

Wednesday the Twenty Eighth I walked upstreet in the morning and after dinner M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I went out aShooting we saw several Partridges, shott [*word unreadable*] but did not kill

Thursday the Twenty Ninth about Seven this morning M<sup>r</sup> James's Servant (W<sup>m</sup>) arrived from West-Auckland with the News of M<sup>r</sup> James, with the Workmen having found Coal in my Brother George's Estate at Wood-houses, - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, Attorney & the Apothecary of same name, with Jack went with me to Normanby, Parson (W<sup>m</sup> Pennyman) Consett join'd us, we ranged towards the Sea w<sup>th</sup> our Greyhounds saw 7 hares 5 of which we killed, on our return to my Tenant John Neesum's at 2 o'Clo where I had provided a piece of cold Beef, some Rum & brandy, we met with Captains Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett, Marshall Robinson, & his Friend, Capt Pemberton of Sunderland, by appointm<sup>t</sup>, we consum'd a couple of Bottles of Spirits & parted at 7.

Friday the Thirtyeth & last day, I spent at home, reading, & wrote some Letters.

### OCTOBER 1763

Saturday, October, the First, before dinner Geo: Hill (M<sup>r</sup> Turner's Gamekeeper) called on me, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & we went out with our Guns & to try my Pointer, Sankoe. George has undertaken to make him staunch, we went to the Cock w<sup>th</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Price &<sup>c</sup> and stay'd till Eleven.

Sunday the Second, a prodigious stormey day, much Rain, & Wind excessive high at N.E: I went to Church in the forenoon, and ab 3 o'Clo. took Jack w<sup>th</sup> me to Marsk, to meet M<sup>r</sup> Wardell at M<sup>r</sup> Smith's, but the former did not come, & the latter was upon the

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Land attending 2 vessels that are drove on Shore, one, a small Sloop w<sup>th</sup> Mercht's Goods from Hull to Stockton, the other a Smugler Sloop, - I return'd wi<sup>th</sup>out alightinge.

Monday the Third is as stormy a day as yesterday was, I spent at home

Tuesday the Fourth, having a sore Throat I kep't the House much, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson came, drank Tea, & return'd

Wednesday the Fifth, I took Jack with me and rode to Coatham upon w<sup>ch</sup> Sands, Capt Ra: Clark & his ship Mary of Stockton was drove ashore & Bulged [?] on Monday; & having some goods on board her from London, I went down & saved some, from dam<sup>a</sup> Mr Dent (Partner to M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Pease of Darn'ton) attended to get 4 H'hds of Sugar &<sup>c</sup> which were much damaged to the amount of about £150 almost every Tradesman in this Country is a loser, I sent M<sup>r</sup> Dent 3 empty Cyder H'hds down to put the Sugar in that is saved, to be refin'd at M<sup>r</sup> Ruds House at Stockton, I return'd to dinner

Thursday the Sixth, my Cous P. Reed & I went to Ayton, my Bro Wilson & Sis<sup>r</sup> Etty have not been well, dine'd and return'd in the evening.

Friday the Seventh, I went down to Normanby, & attended, W<sup>m</sup> Fewster & Tho<sup>s</sup>.

Natby's laying a Bridg & setting Gate Posts &<sup>c</sup> return'd about Seven.

Saturday the Eighth, is a most Stormey day wind S:W: much Rain. I agreed w<sup>th</sup> Rich Walker for 240 Bushels of Oats to be deliver'd in 2 or 3 [?] at 1s 3d p. Bush<sup>l</sup>. I spent at home, finished reading Doct<sup>r</sup> (of Physick) Smollett's History of England & his continuation to 1762. Mr Harrison drank Tea.

Sunday the Ninth – no Service at our Church. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson, dined with us & return'd; I sat an hour with Mr Fran<sup>s</sup> Fox at his Lodgings, Rich. Pulmans

Monday the Tenth. I walk'd upstreet, Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Consett & Jn<sup>o</sup> Jackson dined with us, smoak'd a pipe & M<sup>r</sup> Harrison with us, I walked up to his House after they were gone.

Tuesday the Eleventh, Cous P. Reed went to Ayton. I followed her after dinner, we return'd in the eveing; my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson went to Rippon yesterday morning.

Wednesday the Twelfth I rode to Boulby staid half an hour, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell is gone into Bishoprick, & return'd to Grainge, where I spent an hour in the Ground seeking for a hare with Jack; he led the Black Colt home, we called at Skelton Park, & got my young Filly from thence, home, a fine day.

Thursday the Thirteenth – after dinner I took Jack, & the Greyhounds with me towards Tockets. & in by Bellmangate-Bank, one hare only, & killed her.

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Friday the Fourteenth I spent the day at home, attending the Gardener (W<sup>m</sup> Miles) altering the Walk in the Orchard; Reading &<sup>c</sup> &<sup>c</sup> a very fine day.

Saturday the Fifteenth, Cous P. Reed, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick, & myself, breakfasted at Ayton, & leaving her there with my Sis<sup>f</sup> Etty & the Children (see last Tuesday) went to Stocksley, return'd to dine there, & all came home to Tea with my Mother

Sunday the Sixteenth – my Cous P. Reed & I went to Church twice, my Mother went in the forenoon. M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea with us.

Monday the Seventeenth, I walked upstreet drank Tea at M<sup>f</sup> Harrisons, my Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson dined & return'd she & my Bro got home yesterday, see last Tuesday.

Tuesday the Eighteenth, my Bro Wilson came after dinner I return'd with him & laid there

Wednesday the Nineteenth at Six I called Cap<sup>t</sup>. Wilson up & we set out for Yarm Fair to buy (for him) a pair of Shears for Fog<sup>1</sup>, but tho' there was great plenty we did [*not*] buy any, being rather too late & they sold very dear, we breakfasted at M<sup>f</sup> Forster's & return'd to Ayton to diner, I came home in the evening & M<sup>f</sup> Wardell came to our house & laid all night.

Thursday the Twentyeth, we killed an exceeding fat Quey this morning of my Mother's own feed & Breed; Jack carried Cous P. Reed to M<sup>f</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Readheads of Lofthouse to stay a fortnight. I went with M<sup>f</sup> Wardell, staid half an hour at M<sup>f</sup> Smith's at Marsk, then to Boulby, dined and return'd

Friday the Twenty First, for several days past I have had a cold but now it is bad indeed Capt Wilson came, & we walked to see two 4 Year old Stears of W<sup>m</sup> White's in Mary Havelock's Fog, & resolved to take them at 7 G<sup>s</sup> apiece as Will had before set them at, he staid all day & return'd in the evening

Saturday the Twenty Second, I kept House most of the day my Cold being bad, tho' a fine day

Sunday the Twenty Third, my Mother took her Maid Mally Chapman, (Nanny walk'd yesterday) to Ayton in her Chariot, I rode; old M<sup>f</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Preston & their Son dined there, my Mo & her Maids return'd home, but I staid all night to oblige (if possible) W<sup>m</sup> Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup>. to attend the Justices of the Peace tomorrow at their highway meeting, but he did not

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<sup>1</sup> shears for long grass

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Monday the Twenty fourth, I spent the day at Mr Wilson's & return'd in the evening, found my Mo: ill of a cold, but mine is much better.

Tuesday the Twenty Fifth my Mo: & I are purely recover'd of our cold, after dinner I took W<sup>m</sup> the Gardener with me to Normanby we look'd over the Hall Garden's &<sup>c</sup> & return'd at Six.

Wednesday the Twenty Sixth, I took Jack w<sup>th</sup> me & Jam<sup>s</sup> Bird &<sup>c</sup> & mett M<sup>r</sup> Elsworth of Richmond, M<sup>r</sup> Stowt of Skeeby, & old Ja<sup>s</sup> Bird, & his Son John, near Pinchinthorp, we ranged Northward with Greyhounds into Jn<sup>o</sup> Jowsey's Grounds, saw 3 hares & kill'd them, we dined at Ja<sup>s</sup> Birds. Mr Elsworth &<sup>c</sup> went to Stokesley, & I came home about six. Sist<sup>r</sup> Wilson came to-day, dined, and return'd.

Thursday the Twenty Seventh, I breakfasted at Ayton by appointment w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Preston Sen<sup>r</sup>, who with myself & Capt Wilson, went a Shooting, kill'd a brace of Pheasant Hens & a Partridge & ret'<sup>d</sup> to dinner at Capt Wilson's. M<sup>r</sup> Preston went home, I staid all night Friday the Twenty Eighth I came home, John Dale of Easby din'd with my Mother and I, he also drank Tea with us, as did M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison who I set home and sat an hour with her Husband.

Saturday the Twenty Ninth, I spent at home.

Sunday the Thirtieth, I went to Church twice, my Mother only in the forenoon, M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison drank Tea with us, Mally Hutchinson came home from a visit to her Friends in the B.p.prick since Wednesd: gone sen'night

Monday the Thirty first & last day. I walk'd upstreet, my Bro & Sist<sup>r</sup> Wilson & M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup> din'd with us, I drank Tea & sat an hour at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's.

### NOVEMBER 1763

November, Tuesday the First Day. I went to Boulby, look't over the Accounts, dined with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, & return'd, M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison & Miss A. Wardell drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> my Mo.

Wednesday the Second, I breakfasted at Ayton, my Bro Wilson & Capt Wayne went a Shooting but I proceeded to Stokesley where I spent two hours with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Prestons in their Office, & return'd to Capt Wilson's to dinner, they did not kill any Birds, I came home in the evening & left Capt Wayne there.

Thursday the Third, I spent at home, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson came to dinner & return'd, a fine day.

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Friday the Fourth, I breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's & taking Jack & the Greyhounds with us we went to Moorsome where we met Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wardell & (Rev<sup>d</sup>) Oldfield (by appointment) we ranged 4 hours but did not find one hare, we din'd at Tho<sup>s</sup> Pearson (Mr Harrison's Tenant,) & return'd in the evening

Saturday the Fifth, my Bro & Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson came here dined & return'd, a fine day.

Sunday the Sixth, my Mother & I went to Church in the forenoon, she rece'd the Sacrament, after dinner I rode to Ayton to acquaint my Bro & Sisters with the contents of a Letter my Mother has this day from my Bro Jackson who last Wednesday waited on M<sup>r</sup> Pitt (w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Chas Dingley) by invitation, was with him 7 hours, breakfasting, dining & drinking Tea, & were mutually pleased. I return'd home to my Mother.

Monday the Seventh – The farmers in the Township came & paid me their highway Cess; Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Consett din'd with me, and after drinking Tea with my Mother, I went to Ayton w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup>, he went home but I laid there.

Tuesday the Eighth, my Bro Wilson & I breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup> Preston at Stokesley, we all took horse, called on Mich. Weatherell, who went with us to North-Allerton where we dined, search'd the Register Office for incumbrances on Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett's Hall & Ground, found none but M<sup>r</sup> Bell's Mortg<sup>a</sup> & Rob<sup>r</sup> Petch's Judgm<sup>t</sup> for £300; & proceeded to Rippon, M<sup>r</sup> Preston & Mich. Weatherell went to Doct<sup>r</sup> Wanley's, but M<sup>r</sup> Wilson & I alighted at late M<sup>r</sup> Crumpton's house, where our Horses were all our stay at Rippon, but we supt & laid at M<sup>rs</sup> Haddon's

Wednesday the Ninth, M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's Cart being com'd from Ayton we pack't up several things that my Sis<sup>f</sup> Wilson desir'd might go home, and dined at Lawyer Baynes's. M<sup>r</sup> Preston & Mich<sup>l</sup> Weatherell supt & spent the evening with us at M<sup>rs</sup> Haddon's.

Thursday the Tenth, M<sup>r</sup> Wilson & I breakfasted at M<sup>rs</sup> Haddon's paid our Bills & after sitting a quarter of an hour with Doct<sup>r</sup> Wanley, we took horse with M<sup>r</sup> Preston & Mich<sup>l</sup> Weatherell (who M:W: left us on the road) dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Pybusses and came to Ayton in the evening.

Friday the Eleventh, after breakfasting at M<sup>r</sup> Wilson, M<sup>r</sup> Aug Skottowe call'd on us and we rode out with him after M<sup>r</sup> Pearson's Hounds we chased but one hare & got to dinner; we found Geo: Deighton at my Bro Wilson's who laid at Gisbro' last night & went to Stokesley this evening. I came home and found my Mother well.

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Saturday the Twelfth. I spent at home with my Mother except that I took a walk with Jack & W<sup>m</sup> the Gardener in the evening with the Grey hounds we did not run one hare. Cous P. Reed came from Lofthouse today, see Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>.

Sunday the Thirteenth being silent I read the Service of the day to my Mo. & Cous. P. Reed, my Bro Wilson came in the afternoon and return'd. I spent the evening till ½ past Eleven at M<sup>r</sup> Hide's with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell of Boulby.

Monday the Fourteenth, is fair day many Cattle were in the Markett & sold, M<sup>r</sup> Wardell breakfasted with us, my Bro & Sist<sup>r</sup> Wilson dined with us & return'd. M<sup>r</sup> Marshal Robinson of Ormsby borrow'd £400 of my Mo for 6 Mo<sup>s</sup> only at £4 10sh p.C<sup>t</sup> p. Ann, & sat an hour

Tuesday the Fifteenth. after breakfast, I took Jack with me and rode to Yarm where I din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Forster's and proceeded to Darn'ton where I laid all night at M<sup>r</sup> Peases. M<sup>r</sup> Ra. Reed & M<sup>r</sup> Dent spent the evening with us.

Wednesday the Sixteenth I breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Pease's. and din'd at M<sup>r</sup> James's at W: Auckland he was at Barnard.castle but return'd in the evening. M<sup>rs</sup> Ann James (widow) & her Daughter drank Tea w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> James.

Thursday the Seventeenth M<sup>r</sup> James and I rode to Wood-houses where we staid half an hour at my Brother's New Colliery there, and then proceeded to Bishop Auckland where we dined at Doct<sup>r</sup> Dunn's & return'd to drink Tea with M<sup>rs</sup> James in the evening. Capt Hilton spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> James's

Friday the Eighteenth, M<sup>r</sup> James & I walk'd up to the Colliery this forenoon, 'tis a prodigious hard Frost; Doct<sup>r</sup> Dunn & his wife, old M<sup>rs</sup> James (widow) and M<sup>rs</sup> Page dined with M<sup>r</sup> James, the two former went away after Tea, but the latter spent the evening.

Saturday the Nineteenth, after breakfast I left M<sup>r</sup> James's, called an hour at Darlington, got my horses removed it having been a very hard frost with a little Snow, staid but five minutes at Yarm and reach'd home about four in a violent Storm of Wind at N:W:, Hail and excessive cold, the weather was still worse at night.

Sunday the Twentyeth, much Snow fell last night & lays in great drifts, and in the afternoon we had some more, I went to Church in the forenoon.

Monday the Twenty First is a fine but Frosty day. I walk'd upstreet several times.

Tuesday the Twenty Second, I went to Boulby I dined with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, so did Rob<sup>t</sup> Corney of Coatham on his rode to Whitby, & I return'd home in the evening.



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Wednesday the Twenty Third, it has been a fine Thaw last night, much Snow is gone, I breakfasted at Ayton, and dined with M<sup>r</sup> Preston at Stockesley when we consulted how to have Toombes treated with about the Litigated Estate at Normanby now in the possession of Consett. I return'd home in the evening.

Thursday the Twenty Fourth, all the Snow is gone, and without Rain, after dinner I rode down to Normanby, & smoaked a pipe till half past four at Parson Consett's, he having got the Capt. (Matt:) from London last night. I read to my Mo. & Cous. P. Reed in the evening in the Travels of Cyrus;

Friday the Twenty Fifth I walk'd upstreet in the forenoon, my Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson din'd with us & return'd

Saturday the Twenty Sixth, I walk'd upstreet in the morning and breakfasted with M<sup>r</sup> Hide, then sat half an hour with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison and we rode out with Jack and the Grey hounds beyond Dunsdale Beck, saw several hares and had excellent fine Sport but only killed one, we got home about three o'Clock, a fine mild day.

Sunday the Twenty Seventh, 'twas a Rainey morning, and I having got a pain in my head and Eyes, neither my Mother nor I went to Church, but my Cous. P. Reed did in the forenoon. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison spent the afternoon with us. I read a Sermon as usual.

Monday the Twenty Eighth, I walk'd upstreet, my Brother & sister Wilson, Sis<sup>r</sup> Jackson, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parson Consett & his Cous Matt. with M<sup>r</sup> Preston din'd with us, we smoaked a pipe after dinner.

Tuesday the Twenty Ninth. I spent the day at home with my Mother and in the evening the Rev<sup>nd</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lascelles, Hide & Kitching, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, Proddy, & Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup> sup<sup>t</sup> and spent the evening with me till three o'Clock. M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles laid all night here for the first time.

Wednesday the Thirtyeth & last day after M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles had breakfasted with us I walked upstreet with him, and then I rode to Ayton & from thence in quest of M<sup>r</sup> Robinson's hounds, which I found towards great Broughton, we ran two hares afterwards but did not kill, and at three adjourned to Capt Wilson's (by appointment) where we din'd & sat till Nine, I stay'd all night, the company consisted of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marshal Robinson, his Friend M<sup>r</sup> Pemberton Jun<sup>r</sup>, Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett, Aug: Skottowe, Capt Wayne & ourselves.

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Thursday, December, the First, it continu'd to rain all day, and in the evening a most violent Gale of wind from N:E with heavy Rain, w<sup>ch</sup> enter'd M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's house in many places. I stay'd all night.

Friday the Second, I came home where I found all well, & spent the day in my Closet &<sup>c</sup>.

Saturday the Third. In the morning I mett Doct<sup>r</sup> Harrison, Marsh. Robinson, Matt. Consett, M<sup>r</sup> Pemberton (Capt Robinson's Friend) my Bro Wilson & Aug. Skottowe at Upsil Mill, with Marsh Robinson's hound, we run several hares, killed One, but had poor diversion, they all dined with me, & went home in the evening.

Sunday the Fourth. I went to Church twice, my Cous P. Reed only went in the forenoon.

Monday the Fifth, I walk'd upstreet sev'ral times. I spent most of the afternoon at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's my sist<sup>r</sup> Wilson, came, din'd, & return'd. M<sup>rs</sup> Nelly Stephens late Housekeeper to late M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Crumpton of Rippon return'd with my Sister, she came here on Saturday last.

Tuesday the Sixth, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I rode to Ayton, we din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Wilson's & return'd, he had business with some body in Ayton in the forenoon, he & his Wife spent the evening with my Mother after we returned home.

Wednesday the Seventh. I rode to Boulby and din'd with M<sup>r</sup> Wardell, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Oldfield din'd with him; I came home by Marsk but did not alight there, the wreck of a vessel that was stranded upon them sands last week, was sold this afternoon; my Mother & Cous. Patty Reed drank Tea at M<sup>rs</sup> Hides.

Thursday the Eighth, I took Jack & the Greyhounds with M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I down to Normanby we did not stay long there, came up Eston Bank, upon Coat-green, & into the Marsk Lordship near Dunsdale Beck where we saw & ran several hares but only killed one.

Friday the Ninth. Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick and I went about the Town collecting highway-Cess. Cous. P. Reed went (behind Jack) to Capt. Hills at Stainton Grainge on her return to Yarm she has been to stay with my Mother (except 3 weeks at M<sup>r</sup> Readheads' at Lofthouse) since last June.

Saturday the Tenth, after six I rode to Normanby & set W<sup>m</sup> Lamb & his Men at Work to cast a hedg & plant Quicks through my field there call'd Flats, w<sup>ch</sup> is by this Means laned off, I dined at Stokesley & called at Ayton on my return home.

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Sunday the Eleventh, being silent Sunday I read the Service of the day & a Sermon to my Mother & Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick; my Bro & Sis<sup>r</sup> Wilson and M<sup>r</sup> Fran<sup>s</sup>. Fox din'd with us, I read a Sermon in the evening as usual on Sunday's

Monday the Twelfth, I walked several times upstreet a bad rainy day, Mr Mich<sup>l</sup> Smith din'd with us. I spent an hour with him. Rob<sup>f</sup> Corney &<sup>c</sup> at the Cock, & M<sup>r</sup> Harrison played with me at Bag.Gammon till near ten.

Tuesday the Thirteenth. I went to Ayton in the forenoon, dined and proceeded to Stokesley, where I spent half an hour with M<sup>r</sup> Preston, drank Tea at Ayton on my return home M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison supt and sat with my Mother & I till past Ten o'Clock.

Wednesday the Fourteenth, I spent the day at home, 'tis very rainy.

Thursday the Fifteenth, in the morning I rode to Upleatham called on Dicky Watson & we went to Skelton Castle, but M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles not being well, & the day unseasonable we did not hunt upon Brotton Warsett as appointed, so I return'd home. I spent the day with my Mother except that I walk'd upstreet for 2 hours after dinner, the weather has been most of the Sumer & continues yet very wett.

Friday the Sixteenth. I rode down to Normanby and overlook'd my Men (for an hour) that are casting a hedg there, see last Saturday, from thence I proceeded to Ayton where I dined drank Tea & return'd to Gisbro' in the evening; which was very course.

Saturday the Seventeenth, I breakfasted at Ayton and went to Stokesley where I dined and came home with my Neighbour Jackson we rode pretty fast, the evening being bad.

Sunday the Eighteenth. I went to Church in the forenoon, but not in the afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Hide being late in going, near dark and the day very bad, Rain'y with the wind at about E:N:E my Mother sent her Servants about the Town yesterday & to-day with our donations to the poor.

Monday the Nineteenth, I walked upstreet several times, the day being pretty fine the Markett was a good one, as there will not be any regular Markett's for 3 weeks on acco of Christmas Holidays, M<sup>r</sup> Preston Jun<sup>r</sup>. din'd with us, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Consett & his eldest Son (a Boy about 13 y<sup>rs</sup> old) sat two hours after dinner. I spent an hour at M<sup>r</sup> Harrison's, he & his wife came down with me, drank Tea with us, supt & stay'd till near Ten, we play'd at Back-Gammon & draughts

Tuesday the Twentyeth I called upon Jos Agar and we rode down to Normanby where I set out for W<sup>m</sup> Lamb several New Hedges to be made, that is one across & up one side of (now) Solo. Man's Cow pasture, and another across Page-Howl, I dined with the Rev<sup>d</sup>

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Mr W<sup>m</sup> Pen: Consett & stay'd with him till five o'Clock. Matt<sup>w</sup> Consett was with us a part of the time. I came home across Barnaby Moor & had a very fine ride, a little Snow cover'd the Ground, a Bright Moon, & hard Frost.

Wednesday the Twenty first. after breakfast I rode to Ayton, din'd & spent the day till near dark, came home to drink Tea with my Mother.

Thursday the Twenty Second. I spent all this day at home, settling my Closet &<sup>c</sup>; my Bro Wilson walk'd here & din'd it having been a hard frost, & some Snow upon the Ground; he return'd after dinner & W<sup>m</sup> Mills my Mother's Gardener w<sup>th</sup> him who is going to York to see his Friends this Christmas; but a thaw coming this evening, my Bro. Wilson lent him his Galloway to proceed on.

Friday the Twenty Third about eight Jack & I mounted for Boulby half year's pay, he carried a venison Pasty behind him (M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloner gave my Mother the haunch of venison). The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Oldfield & Todd dined at M<sup>r</sup> Wardell's after the pay, and after I had smook'd a pipe I return'd with Jack about five (at home)

Saturday the Twenty Fourth, I breakfasted at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's with Tho<sup>s</sup>. Preswick who then went with me to Stokesley I spent some time at M<sup>r</sup> Preston's & return'd to Ayton to dinner. Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick called on me there & we got home by about four, this evening Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick went up to M<sup>r</sup> Hydes & presented him (for the Church) with a Bible from my Bro. Geo: Jackson.

Christmas Day, Sunday the Twenty Fifth I went to Church twice, my Mother did not got at all (tho' pretty well) being a cold wet day. Doctor Wayne din'd with us on his rode to Kirkleatham, as did Tho Preswick and M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln.

Monday the Twenty Sixth, tho' a very hard frost M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I rode to Skelton Castle, where we left our horses and walk'd out with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles & his hounds into the wood below Skelton, we ran several hares, but did not kill one, and came home between three and four, when I found the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Consett & his Cousin Matt<sup>w</sup> had com'd to dine with me, and were gone home seemingly affronted, very undesignedly by me, for I expected they would dine with M<sup>r</sup> Jackson upstreet, & spend the evening and lay with me. M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & I play'd at Back-gamon till Ten.

Tuesday the Twenty Seventh much Snow fell last night, & this morning very rainy, but I went to Ayton with M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, they to a Christ'ning at his Sister Audas's, & I dined at my Bro. Wilson's, & found my Sister not well, (she's with Child) they call'd on me in the evening, and we came home, a hard frost.

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Wednesday the Twenty Eighth. I spent at home the forenoon, - and in the afternoon my Mother and I went to M<sup>rs</sup> Chaloners, drank Tea & return'd about six, when we found Mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Cockburne, (Clerk to Mr Barnett of Leeds) he spent the evening as did M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison with my Mother till past Ten; I spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Hides, with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup>, Longbotthom, & Proddy till past One. M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles came down & laid here.

Thursday the Twenty Ninth, after breakfast M<sup>r</sup> Lascelles & I walk'd down into our ground, then upstreet, where I left him about Eleven, Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick and I walk'd upstreet for an hour after dinner, Cous W<sup>m</sup> Reed & his Daughter Eliz<sup>a</sup> Newham sat with us till near eight, a very stormy night, much Rain & Wind about S:W.

Friday the Thirtyeth, - I rode down to Normanby in the forenoon to look after my hedgers but did not find them at work, they being called off to attend the removal of the Corps of Ra: Robinson Esq. late a Justice of the Peace at Ormsby, his Kinsman (Marshal Robinson) now resident at Ormsby intends to Inter him, near his (Ra:'s) Wife at Houghton le Spring, he is removed from Ormsby today in a hearse, he died on Monday morning last aged (about) 84, he was a Man that drank as freely all his Life as most of Men, took much exercise, a Lover of Husbandry, witness the Estate about Ormsby, which before he began to improve it was a poor Township, & now very rich, he was a much respected Man, a Sensible, able, and good Magistrate. I din'd with my Mother, and in the evening had my Neighbours Ol<sup>r</sup> Preswick, & his Son Tho<sup>s</sup> (of London) Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick Sen<sup>r</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Husband, M<sup>r</sup> Etherington, W<sup>m</sup> Colthirst, and James Bird, till between Eleven and Twelve

Saturday the Thirty First, & last Day. we had a little Markett it being New Year Eve so I walk'd upstreet, my Brother & Sister Wilson din'd with us and went away immediately after, I spent two hours (till past Ten o'Clock) smoaking my pipe with Tho<sup>s</sup> Preswick at M<sup>rs</sup> Lincoln's, this has been a pretty fine day.

Sunday the Twenty Eighth I dined with Justices Burton & Beckwith, who were met upon Vagrant Laws etc. Messrs Smith, Scarth & Harrison at the Cock. My Bro & Sistr Wilson